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## Greek-Italian Peace Believed Likely, But Italy Says "No"

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—A high neutral diplomatic official told the "United Press" to-day that the Greeks can be expected to make peace.

King George and the present Government officials who are favourable to England may retire to Crete and continue their relations with the British while a new Government seeks peace.

## RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

Britain Carries Out Threat To Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The Berlin radio announced to-night that diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain had been severed. The British Minister, Mr. George W. Rendel is reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements can be made for his departure.

Asks for Passport

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—It is unimpeachably reported that Mr. William Rendel the British Minister will ask Dr. Filov the Foreign Minister for his passport at 10 a.m. on Wednesday thereby severing Anglo-Bulgarian relations. Mr. Rendel announced his decision in the presence of a meeting of the Polish, Belgian, Greek and Dutch diplomats.

According to a highest Bulgarian source, the Bulgarian Foreign office advised the Polish and Dutch Ministers and the Dutch Charge d'Affaires that they may no longer continue their diplomatic missions in Bulgaria due to the situation created by the entry of the German troops.

A high Axis source said that a special German Embassy is arriving at Ankara at 10 a.m. to-day carrying a personal message from Hitler to President Inonu, assuring the Turks that the Germans have no intention of attacking Turkey or the Dardanelles.

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## INDO-CHINA Parties Still Seeking Solution

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka is reported to have asked the Vichy Government to give a final reply by to-morrow noon to Japan's plan for the solution of the Indo-China dispute.

The truce in the frontier war between Thailand and Indo-China ends on Friday.

Mr. Matsuoka's request, it is stated, was made when he saw M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador to-night. M. Henri is stated to have been noncommittal in his attitude towards the plan which was previously reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.

## 15,000 Japanese Troops Concentrated at Tonkin

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—Authoritative Chinese circles told the "United Press" to-day that 15,000 crack Japanese troops with modern mountain climbing and a large amount of military supplies, including mountain guns, shells, aviation gasoline and bombs are concentrated at Tonkin, with exact target of attack as yet not clear.

Observers pointed out that the possible movements of the mountain climbing units must firstly be northward toward Burma over the ancient paths connecting the French Tonkin district with the southern Shan States; secondly, to advance westward along the Red River and the Black River valleys towards Yunnan, both measures aimed at cutting communications.

## BRITISH TAKE NEARLY 10,000 PRISONERS IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (UP).—To-day's communique says that British troops have occupied Iscia Baidoa and Bulu Burti where "large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all types continue to be discovered. The number of prisoners taken is approaching 10,000 giving the lie to the statement made by the Italians that Italian Somaliland had been voluntarily evacuated."

### EAST AFRICAN OPERATION

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British main advance is progressing satisfactorily in Italian Somaliland, states an official communique.

Meanwhile, it continues, subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia, where on March 1 a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

#### S. African Air Force

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—On March 1 and 2, the South African Air Force carried out raids on southern Abyssinia. On March 1 a fortified position north of Havello was bombed and on the following day a bombing raid was made on positions near Cabata. Several direct hits were scored and hostile rifle fire silenced. Pilots on reconnaissance flights over Italian Somaliland report that natives in the Lugh-Ferrandi area were carrying white flags.

#### R. A. F. Communique

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communique says—"Italian East Africa: Continued support has been given to our advance troops. The fort at Bury has been heavily bombed and enemy positions were machine-gunned. The landing ground at Asmara was machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of the South African squadron and several enemy aircraft were damaged."

On the return journey, enemy motor transport near Hobi Mantel was attacked and several vehicles were set afire. "From all these operations, all aircraft returned safely."

#### Territories Annexed

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Lieut.-General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding British Forces in East Africa, has issued a formal proclamation covering the government of the occupied territories.

These territories include all those "formerly ruled, claimed or occupied by the Italian Government in Ethiopia and Somaliland."

These have been placed under military jurisdiction. "In the course of the proclamation, General Cunningham warns that actions against public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or lesser penalties."

He concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the territory will be fully respected so far as they are consistent with the proclamation. So long as the inhabitants remain peaceable and comply with my orders, they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear."

## PHILIPPINE IS. DEFENCE Congress Opinion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH": WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—Senator Lister Hill, chief Democratic Whip and a Military Affairs Committeeman, predicted to the "United Press" an overwhelming approval of Philippine defence measures.

He said "I think we have a definite responsibility to protect the Philippines and it will remain our primary responsibility to do so until they are independent. The purpose of the defence measures is to put us in a position to defend the Philippines; additionally, the measures are steps in support of our Far Eastern policy."

One Republican Military Affairs Committeeman said that more Republicans would "go along" with the Philippine defence measure as a matter of firmness in our Far Eastern policy.

#### Italians In India

BOMBAY, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A further 6,700 Italian prisoners of war have been landed here in the last two days. The total now in India exceeds 32,000.

## Enormous Fleets In The Making

Latest Revelations By "Janes"

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Striking evidence of the ever-growing naval expansion of the Great Powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet is contained in the 1940 edition of "Janes' Fighting Ships" which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship and secrecy, the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleships. King George V, in which Lord Halifax went to America; plans of the new German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz; and details of powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section, included for the first time since 1919, gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, reflected by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

#### Britain's Losses

Britain's losses of big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small ships, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace. Britain had also lost 38 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet is reduced by one pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, four TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

Free French Had Arduous Task

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—With the surrender of Kufra, an oasis in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete operations resulting in the capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base. Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

A military spokesman told "Reuter": "The only two oases, Kufra and Gerbush, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action. The immediate problem is how to dispose of the 1,000 prisoners captured, and they will possibly be disarmed and left in Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra, but admit that it was taken against vastly superior numbers.

#### Total Prisoners

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British took more than 132,295 prisoners during 62 days of the Libyan campaign, according to an official announcement.

This may be compared with 130,476 Germans who the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

The guns captured from the Italians in Cirenaica total well over 1,200.

## Sidi Barrani War Ruins

Before General Wavell's triumphant troops entered Sidi Barrani, one-time Italian stronghold on the north Africa coast, the port was reduced to ruins by the terrific bombardments of British land and sea guns. This picture, taken after the capture of Sidi Barrani shows what was left of Italian barracks after a naval pounding.



## Daring Kidnapping Affair Carried Out In Shanghai

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 4 (UP).—Five Chinese, three of whom were armed, to-day kidnaped Dr Hsu Wei-sing, American educated and President of the Second Higher District Court which is controlled by Chungking.

The kidnapers are believed to be pro-Wang Ching-wei elements in view of the fact that Hsu headed a Chungking-controlled Court in French Concession; however, after the French had handed over this court to the Wang Ching-wei regime, Hsu and other judges moved into the International Settlement where they re-opened their court.

Dr Hsu was returning home together with his wife when kidnaped. He had alighted from his car and had entered his apartment in French Concession when the kidnapers pushed him back into the car and drove off, using their own cars as well as Dr Hsu's, having pushed out his wife and chauffeur.

## Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

New Far East Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr. Churchill to-night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuoka has now sent his response to Mr. Churchill's observations. The conversations to-day were, therefore, continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.

#### Oceania Speech

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, last week, wherein he was reported as stating

## LATEST

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## ALBANIA

New Bomber Type Shot Down

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Five enemy aircraft were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area yesterday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The communique states: "Greece and Albania: A small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu yesterday intercepted a squadron of bombers, Italian Caproni 007 (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot down two of them into the sea. A few minutes later, the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type of bombers which were returning from the raid on Larissa. Three of these enemy aircraft were also shot down."

"Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepelina area."

#### Artillery In Action

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Intense artillery action on the Albanian front is reported by the Athens radio to-night. An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.

#### Chungking Posts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—General Ho Kuo-kwang was sworn in this morning as Commander of the National Gendarmerie and concurrently Deputy Garrison Commander of Chungking. Simultaneously, General Chang Cheng assumed his offices as Vice-Commander of the Gendarmerie and concurrently Dean of the Gendarmerie School.

## Mexico & America To Discuss Mutual Aid

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—The State Department announced to-day that Mexico had instructed her Military, Naval and Air Attaches at Washington to discuss "with experts designated by the United States Government", plans relating to the assistance which the two countries would render each other in the event of aggression against either of them.

"In the conversations which are now making progress at Washington for the purpose indicated, the representatives will study the manner of carrying out the collaboration, observing always with the greatest regard the principle of the national sovereignty of the two States." The announcement said that the conversations were undertaken under the hemispheric defence accord reached last July "on the occasion of the second consultative meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics."

It stated that Mexico and the United States "agreed to exchange their views in order to co-ordinate suitably the progress of their common defence."

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## De Gaulle Delegate In Colony

M. Charles François Baron, who was recently appointed to replace M. Guy de Schompre as General de Gaulle's representative in the Far East, arrived on a visit yesterday, accompanied by Capt. I. Lyon, British Liaison Officer.

M. de Schompre, who was recently married in Singapore, has left to pay a visit to General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

M. Baron was formerly Administrator of the French Colony of Chandernagor, India. Capt. Lyon, of the Gordon Highlanders, Singapore, married the beautiful daughter of a French Government official in Indo-China just prior to the outbreak of war. He met his wife when he made a solo yacht voyage from Singapore to Indo-China and running off his course, arrived at a lonely island off Saigon.

The island was the Devil's Island of Indo-China. On this island he met his bride, the daughter of the Superintendent of the large prison and convict settlement. They were married in Saigon.

## Madrid Art Deal With Vichy

A Murillo painting, the Immaculate Conception, has arrived in Spain from the Louvre Museum, Paris. The famous 17th-century Spanish artist painted several pictures with the Immaculate Conception as their subject, but the one reaching Spain is regarded as his greatest work and is also his largest canvas.

The painting went to Spain as the result of negotiations between the Spanish and French authorities for an exchange of works of art having special historic or national interest for Spain.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Alexander Charles Campbell, master mariner, and Miss Gertrude Maria Carmo, clerk, of 7 Seen Keen Terrace.

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E. A. ATKINS,  
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### HONGKONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 28th day of March, 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or as soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By order of the Board,  
J. P. SHERRY,  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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### FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

#### What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with:—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.  
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, at 4th floor.  
The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd Floor.  
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi St., Kowloon.  
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

#### NOTICE

### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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China and Macao  
14 cents per copy  
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign  
20 cents per copy  
28 cents Saturdays.

## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$50 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1941  
Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March, 1941, at 6 p.m.

### HONG KONG WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

#### MONSTER RAFFLE, 1941

##### RULES

1. The sale of tickets in the raffle will cease on a date to be advertised in the Press.
2. Counterfoils of every ticket sold must be in the custody of the supervisors before the draw. Any ticket sold for which no corresponding counterfoil has been returned to the supervisors will not be included in the draw.
3. A ticket is entitled to one prize only. Any number, having drawn a prize, will be deemed cancelled for the remainder of the draw.
4. Prizes will be delivered to the person who produces the requisite winning ticket. No right to a prize can be recognised except the right conferred by the production of the requisite ticket.
5. Winning tickets must be produced and endorsed by the holder before delivery of prize can be made. Mutilated tickets—that is, if distinctive number and chop are not clearly discernible—will not be accepted.
6. Winning tickets not presented within Three Months of the draw will be considered null and void, and all unclaimed prizes will revert to the donors and/or the Hong Kong War Effort Committee after the above period of Three Months has elapsed.
7. Any misunderstanding or dispute must be referred to the Hong Kong War Effort Committee, whose decision shall be final.

By Order of the Committee,

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
Supervisors.  
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1941.

#### NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of Banking Adviser to the Malayan Exchange Control. Applications with references and particulars of nationality, age and experience in Exchange Banking or Broking, together with salary required should be made to the Controller of Foreign Exchange, Malaya, Union Building, Singapore. Terms of appointment will be supplied to applicants.

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### KETCHING UP IN ROME

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12.30 Dance Music by the D.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Half an hour with Chopin.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Haydn.

Mencius, Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano acc; With Verdug Clad (from 'The Creation').

Helene Ludolph (Soprano) with Orchestra; Symphony No. 80 in D Minor; 1st Mov: Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Monueto; 4th Mov: Presto.

Orchestra of New Friends of Music cond. by Erik Siedry.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—From the Old Country.

Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 London Relay—Merry-Go-Lucky.

A Variety Feature.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Mary Bennett (Soprano) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"Makers of Medicine" No. 3: "Qualified at 18: Living in his Stethoscope, Rene Lacombe."

Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 The Comedy Harmonists.

Solitude (de Long and Others); In A Persian Market (Ketelbey); Whispering (Schonberger) with Piano accompaniment.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Allegro scherzando.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.45 News in French (on short wave only).

10.02 Selections from Grand Opera with Just Blorling (Tenor).

The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini); La Gioconda—Heaven and Ocean (Ponchielli); L'Africain—Ole Paradis (Meyerbeer); The Valkyries—The Ride of the Valkyries (Wagner); La Boheme—Your tiny hand is frozen (Puccini); 'Aida'—Grand March (Verdi).

10.30 Albert Sandler (Violin) and His Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

## JEWS IN HOLLAND

### Deportation And Isolation

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—

Large numbers of Dutch Jews will be deported to Poland, according to a Stockholm report. They will be confined to Jewish reservations established by the German authorities around Lublin in Central Poland.

No confirmation of these drastic steps has yet been obtained, but a Netherlands Government official in London told "Reuter" that such a move would arouse no surprise in Dutch circles.

Dutch Jews, he said, had already been deprived by the Nazis of their Dutch passports and labelled simply as Jews.

### Ghetto in Amsterdam

The Nazis were also reported to be establishing a kind of Ghetto in the Jewish quarter in Amsterdam, where Jews will be compelled to live.

Similar repressive measures against Jews have been reported in various parts of Holland. Jews in Amsterdam are largely of Polish origin and being strictly orthodox, still wear long beards and black robes which are only seen generally among Jews in eastern Europe.

Another large section of Dutch Jews are of Portuguese origin. Altogether there are about 200,000 Jews in the Netherlands.

### French Passive Resistance

#### Laval Fears Murder

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—New York papers publish eye-witness accounts of Americans returning from Europe of the growing resistance to the Nazis in France.

William Mock, a student, declared, "agitation against the Germans and Frenchmen collaborating with them is steadily growing. The French put up signs for de Gaulle, Marshal Petain and President Roosevelt, and the Nazis tear them down."

"M. Laval is well guarded at all times and fears assassination. On December 5 there were rumours that he had been killed, and the Minister rounded up all the English women in Paris and put them in concentration camps."

"Ninety per cent of the French people believe that England will win."

### Report Denied

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A report circulated abroad to the effect that the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister has gone to Germany is denied in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to a statement issued by the German official news agency.

## POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechuan, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### INWARD MAILS

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U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 8th Feb.) ..... Mar. 8.  
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March ..... Mar. 11.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Mar. 11.  
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U.S.A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date 21st February) ..... Mar. 11.  
Sandakan ..... Mar. 12.  
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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th March ..... Mar. 15.  
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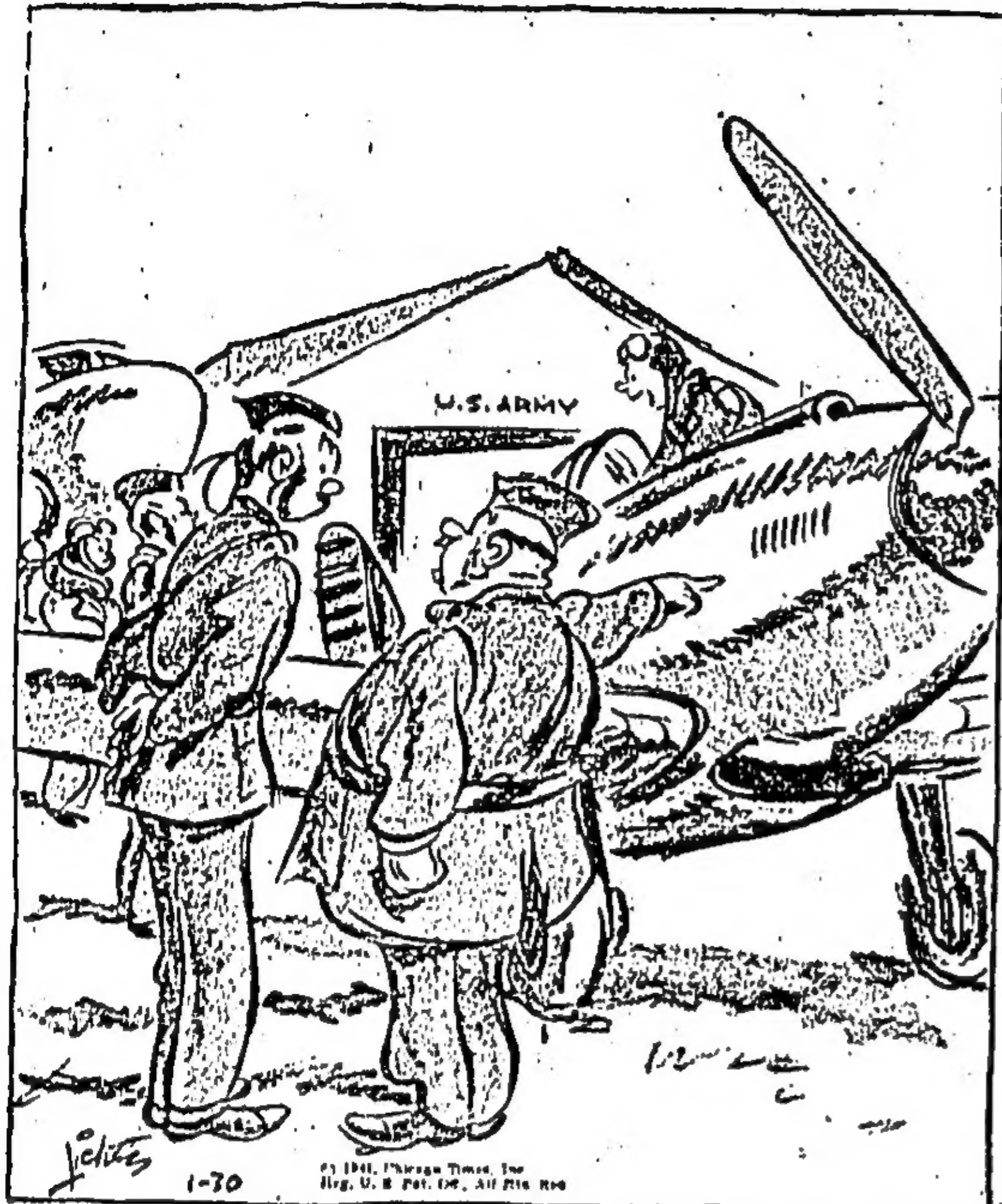
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- Measured by strides
- Soft, globular mass
- Cut on covering
- Species of lyric poem
- Degree of value
- Chief of gods
- Alcoholic drink
- Poker bet
- Decipher
- In law, namely
- Barren
- Those who delete
- Blender divine
- House to
- Day before holiday
- Literary work
- Vessels
- Natural fat
- Malicious person
- More dignified
- Cattle fodder
- Declare void
- Series of heroic events
- Burning pile
- Remain in place
- Deavour
- Kind of flower-cluster (pl.)
- Companies of actors
- Minute examinations
- State positively
- Mail team
- Outer rubber covering of tire
- Best Indian food
- Deprive
- Bullies

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**DOWN**

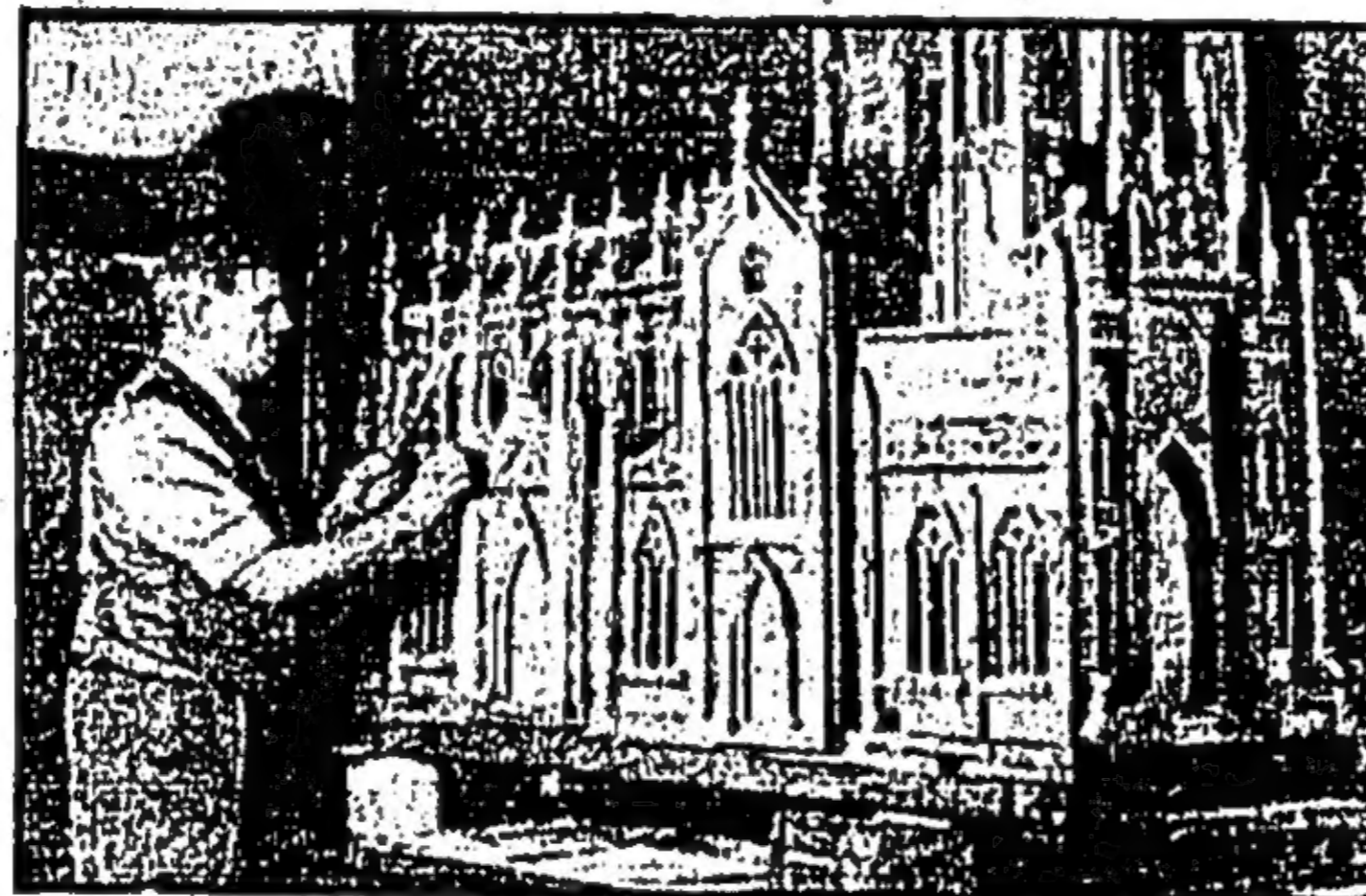
- Worshipped image
- Terminator
- In printing, takes
- Order of mammals
- Positive animals
- Pupil in military school
- An instant
- Latin (epithet)
- Wife of Ulysses
- Imitate
- Teeth in gears
- Call forth
- Walt
- Gives meat previous to baking
- Pointed weapon
- Water mammal
- Source of sugar
- Performed
- Edible purple seaweed
- Wear away
- Public warehouse
- Peruvian plant
- Witty use of word
- Two senses
- Vessel
- Reminiscent
- Pertaining to these
- Fruit-bearing part of cereal plant
- Kind of whiskey
- Covered with wet mud
- Raised platform
- Refusing to function
- Type of poisonous acid
- Tried
- Daughter of direction
- Tract of land for grazing cattle
- Negative ion
- Struck with walking stick
- Promote welfare of
- Absence of war
- Fungus occurring in rice
- Small piece of rock
- Swimming mammal
- Butt: fruit drink

## Pictures From All Quarters

THEY'RE HAPPY IN NEW YORK

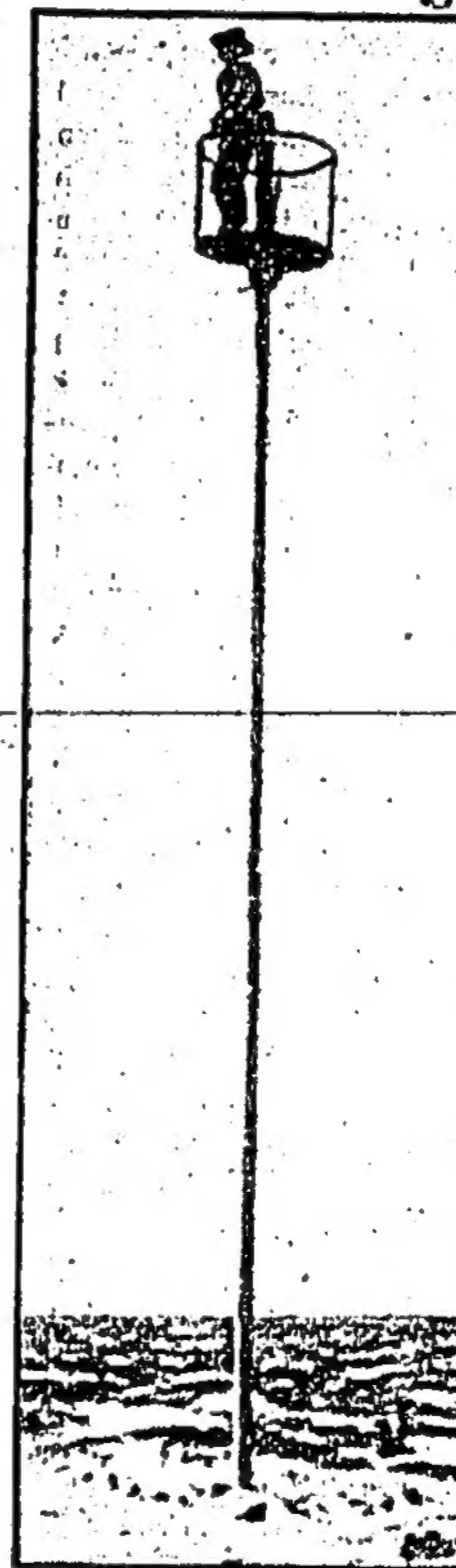


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**CHINESE ENGINEERS**  
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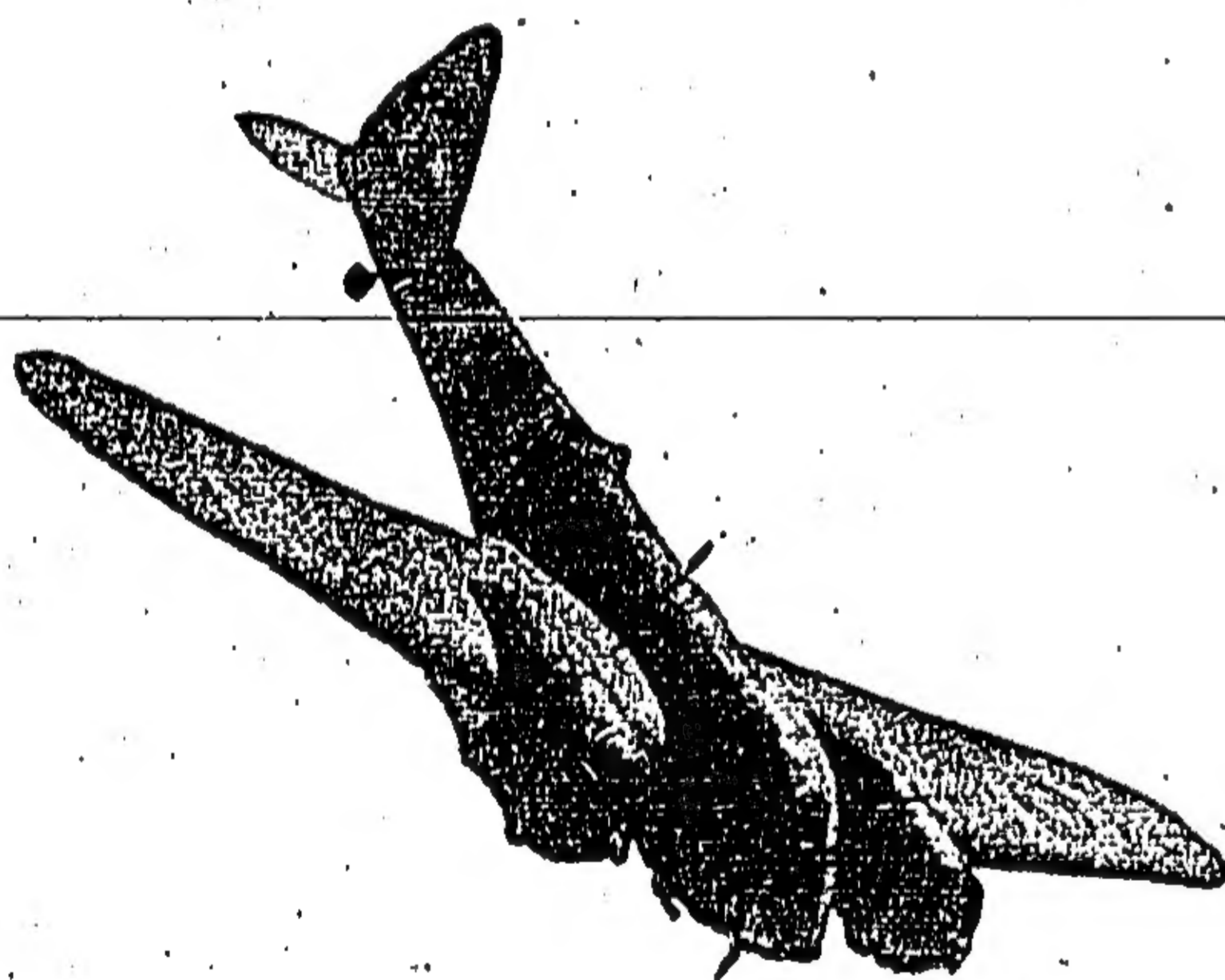
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## NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

HONGKONG'S calmness in the face of the Far Eastern crisis which has arisen just lately has been so striking as to warrant the suspicion that the reaction is caused more by indifference and smug complacency than as the result of any deliberate and objective appraisal of the portends. Possibly too, there has been so much cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" during the past 18 months that the populace has become suspicious and disbelieving. It is not with the intention of causing disquiet and fear that attention is drawn to the political significance of the Japanese manoeuvres in Kwangtung, Hainan, Formosa, Indo-China and Thailand, but it does seem vitally necessary that Hongkong, and especially the huge Chinese population here should be alive to the possibilities.

The popular belief heard expressed in the Colony to-day is that Hongkong will never be attacked; in these times, when events move with such rapidity and changes in the international situation are effected overnight, this is a dangerous assumption. Rather should the Chinese masses here be encouraged to treat the situation with serious suspicion and ask themselves, "In the event of Hongkong being attacked, what am I going to do?" The question is of vital importance both to the welfare and safety of the people and to the successful defence of the Colony against any such attack.

It is fully recognised that the biggest problem which will confront the authorities in the event of an attack on Hongkong is proper control of the tens of thousands of Chinese, not only who are already resident on the island, but those who will endeavour to flock across the harbour. It will be an immense, perhaps impossible task to prevent chaos. The official mind is probably grappling with the problem at the moment, although the solution at first sight does not appear to be an easy one.

In this connection it would seem that the Chinese community leaders might help. Earnest inquiry into the possibilities of finding a scheme whereby considerable numbers of Chinese in the Colony could be transferred to other and relatively safer areas before the danger of attack is imminent may well produce a practical plan. Alternatively these gentlemen could actively co-operate with Government by urging the Chinese populace to take advantage of any mooted official scheme.

A stampede out of Hongkong at this stage would certainly be preferable to the panic which would inevitably result from any assault on this Colony.

## RIDDLES OF 1941

From NEW YORK.

ONE of the great questions of 1941 is whether Japan will honour her obligations to the Axis.

Will she involve herself in war with Britain and the United States as soon as the extent and nature of American aid to Britain is held by Germany to constitute an act of war?

Japan's decision must depend upon three factors: Russia, the extent of American aid to China, and the success of the Japanese military. Fascists in converting Japan into a National Socialist State.

Germany might have succeeded in her recent efforts to bring about peace between China and Japan; had it not been for the prompt action of the United States in extending new credits to China and promising her arms and aeroplanes while banning exports of scrap iron to Japan.

## Help For China

Chiang Kai-shek was thereby given an assurance that henceforth American aid would be substantial and American opposition to Japanese aggression expressed in deeds instead of only in words.

It is of great significance that Roosevelt in his most recent speeches has included China with Britain and Greece as the nations on whose success in resisting aggression the United States safety depends, and for whom the United States will become an arsenal.

The prospect of real aid from America, and of a complete American embargo on the export of war material to Japan must strengthen the hands of Chiang Kai-shek and all Chinese patriots as against those who are inclined to compromise with Japan and conclude a peace enabling Japan to limit her commitments in China in order to attack the British Empire.

## Embargo Failure

However, the United States is still supplying Japan with large quantities of materials, presumably in the hope that by gentle handling Japan can be kept from entering the war against England.

Unfortunately, although this policy may have something to be said for it politically, it has enabled Japan to lay in large stores of essential war materials and to make it less likely than it was a year or two ago that a complete embargo would halt Japanese aggression.

Moreover, the failure to impose an embargo not only disheartened the Chinese, but has deprived the United States of vital materials and machines.

Lack of these is to-day holding up part of the American arms production programme.

## And Russia?

The accumulation of reserves in Japan may now be sufficient to enable her to risk a war with Britain and America if once she is convinced that her aid is all that

is needed to enable Germany to win a quick victory.

She would then, doubtless, attempt to cut off Singapore by occupying Indo-China and Siam or move against the Dutch East Indies.

However, it is difficult to conceive of Japan implementing her promises to the Axis unless the "China Incident" can be liquidated, and unless she can secure her rear by a pact with the U.S.S.R.

Nineteen-forty-one will show whether Russia will be forced or lured into such a pact by German pressure.

The concentration of German troops in Rumania may conceivably have precisely this end in view.

Stalin dare not fight. Germany on account of the economic, military and political weaknesses of his regime.

He is likely to come to terms with Tokyo if pressed sufficiently hard by Hitler. But Hitler may not be convinced that Japan will dare to involve herself in war with the United States, at least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

He may therefore not yet be exercising real pressure on Stalin.

It must also be remembered that it is to Stalin's advantage, as well as to Hitler's, to see Japanese aggression diverted southwards.

## She May ..

Russia cannot afford to let Japan become master of all China, but might be glad to see a compromise peace enabling Japan to withdraw a large part of her army from China and emboldening her to take the incalculable risks of war with the British Empire and the United States.

If American and British support of China prevents such a peace, Stalin could serve Hitler's interests and perhaps see his own advantage in ordering the Chinese Communists to withdraw their support from the Generalissimo and form a Chi-

Third Article—by Freda Utley

# What will happen in the Far East?



"Should Japan enter the war against England, the United States would almost certainly fight her."

nese Soviet Republic in the North-West.

Should such an order be given by Moscow and obeyed by the Communists, Chiang might be forced by a majority of Kuomintang leaders to accept Germany's offer to mediate peace with Japan.

China's decision would then necessarily depend upon how much aid Britain and America give.

## China's Communists

Chiang's awareness of the uncertainty of Russian aid and of the dangerous possibility of a Russo-Japanese understanding is shown by his recent measures to shew in the Chinese Communists and the Eighth Route Army in the north-west, by encircling them with 200,000 troops, thus leaving them no outlet except through Japanese-held Shansi.

Tension between the Communists and the Chinese Government has never been as great as now.

Japan is unlikely to defy America unless her Fascists can institute a totalitarian economy and social system on the Nazi model in place of the present semi-feudal, semi-"capitalist" set-up.

## Great Obstacle

The great obstacle is the position of the Emperor as the "Divine" Leader of the nation. On account of this Japan is experiencing the same difficulty in going Nazi as she formerly experienced in trying to become a democracy.

Hence the efforts of the Fascists to deprive the Emperor of his temporal power and seclude him as a powerless god like his ancestors before the Restoration.

Up to date those big business interests, to whose side the Em-

peror leans, and who are desperately anxious not to let Japan involve herself in a war which would destroy them, have retained sufficient political power to prevent Japan implementing her promise to the Axis.

British successes and American aid to China strengthen their hands, but British reverses or indications that the United States will do everything to avoid war in the Pacific would probably enable the military and naval extremists to put Japan into the war as Germany's ally.

The Far Eastern war in 1941 must coalesce with the European war and Britain, willy nilly, must become the ally of China whose war against aggression was for so long regarded with indifference by many Englishmen.

## Facts To Face

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the fate of Britain's Asiatic Empire depends on China, who for so long has butted alone. Indeed, the fate of England herself must be vitally affected by the steadfastness of the Chinese in rejecting all German offers to save a good part of their country from Japan if only they will make peace.

Should Japan enter the war against England the United States will almost certainly fight her, to the great advantage of Germany in the short run.

In the long run the impetus given to American arms production by involvement in the war might outweigh the advantage to Germany of securing the Japanese Navy against England.

War against Japan would probably be less unpopular in America than a declaration of war against Germany, since there are no minorities here in sympathy with Japan.

Anglo-Indian relations are also a vital factor. Should we have the courage and wisdom to promise India freedom and treat her as an ally, her vast material, moral, and man-power resources could be mobilised to save the East from totalitarian tyranny.

Nothing would do more to convince doubting Americans of what we are fighting for than an abandonment of Imperialist domination of India.

## TO-MORROW

the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, discusses in an interview with Maurice Webb the question, "Will Our Blockade Win?"

# Mussolini's London Flop

By Hannen Swaffer

HOW long will Mussolini survive as the Dictator of Italy?

When will the Royal Family, the heads of the Army and the depressed workers join in a revolt?

Never so quickly, in the hour of test, was the reputation of a world figure so suddenly shattered.

I REMEMBER an Italian head waiter whose leg I frequently pulled with the words, "How's your fat friend?"

He would walk away pained and then, returning time after time, recite this monologue:—

"When I come to London they say: 'Ah, dingo, hokey-pokey, organ-grinder.'"

"They ask me, 'Where's your monkey?' and laugh."

"Now, Italia great! Mussolini stop the 'hokey-pokey, say 'No monkeys.'"

"Mussolini great man. Evvi-va Italia."

The head waiter is interned.

IT was with curiosity I picked up yesterday a novel called "The Cardinal's Mistress."

Published here in 1929, it bore, on the cover, the name of the author, Benito Mussolini, and

the words: "The pen is mightier than the sword. Mussolini's power with the latter is unquestioned. Readers will be anxious to test his skill with the former."

Yet it was not till his brutal assault on little Greece ten weeks ago that Mussolini's power with the sword was tested.

He had better go back to writing novels!

DO you remember how, in April, 1932, Mussolini's only play, written with Forzani, was produced in London?

He called it "Napoleon, the Hundred Days."

Sydney Carroll, the manager, and John Drinkwater, who adapted it, received from the King of Italy, no doubt because Mussolini ordered it, the degrees of Knight Commander of the Crown of Italy; Robert Atkins, who played Napoleon, and Arthur Wontner, who was Weimar cut out Wellington and the Fouché, received a Knighthood in the same order.

Yet the play ran for less than a month!

I WROTE, as my criticism, an open letter, addressed, "Dear Duce," and beginning: "As in Italy your critics are sent away to mysterious islands, and then

ALL the Society gobs of London went along and praised the play—but the sequel was a scolded row over the income-tax on Musso's fees!

# Government Decline Proposals Of Men's Evacuation Committee

A Report by the Hongkong Evacuation Representation Committee, signed by all its members, has been issued, which gives the text of communications sent to Government, and the Government's replies.

The Report states: At the last public meeting on the subject of evacuation, held at the Peninsula Hotel on December 27, 1940, the Committee were instructed:

1. To reply to the answer of the Secretary of State to the Colonies; 2. To request a Government representative to address a public meeting; 3. To urge His Majesty's Government in Hongkong to make financial provision for the evacuees on an equitable basis.

In accordance with these instructions (1) a letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies was drafted. The Committee, however, were advised by the Colonial Secretariat that this letter could only go forward in the form of a petition. As this method did not appeal to them and also on account of ministerial changes at home and political events in the Far East, the Committee decided that by turning the letter into a petition no good purpose would be served and it was therefore agreed not to send it.

A letter was sent to the Hon. Colonial Secretary on January 25, 1941, as follows:

"Sir,—We have the honour to invite your attention to the second Meeting of Evacuees held in the Peninsula Hotel on the 27th December, and to the proposal made thereat that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government should be invited to address a further meeting on the subject of the compulsory evacuation of women and children.

"We are instructed by our Committee to request that you be good enough to place this proposition before His Excellency and to enquire whether, in view of his personal letter to the Very Rev. J. Wilson of the 12th November, His Excellency now feels that he is in a position to address such a meeting. It is clearly understood that in the event of His Excellency agreeing to this course, the meeting would be confined to the address by His Excellency and would not be open to questions or speeches from the body of the hall.

Questions Put  
"For His Excellency's information we append the major questions which were put forward by husbands and relatives of evacuees at the meeting referred to above, which they feel need to be clarified:

(a) If the evacuation was in fact necessary, why was not the large foreign community of women and children also advised to leave?

(b) If the evacuation was carried out for the safety of women and children, why were so many women and children permitted to remain in the Colony? If, on the other hand, it has been decided that it is a measure of defence, why were so many senior officials allowed to demonstrate their unbelief in its necessity?

(c) What are the comparative numbers of women evacuated in the Colony?

(d) Why was the threat of compulsory embarkation held over the heads of women, many of whom were in a delicate state of health, when in fact there was apparently never any intention of putting this threat into effect?

(e) What was the basic reason behind Government's cancellation of further evacuation, which placed a premium on disobedience? If this cancellation was due to a radical change in the situation, removing the original reason for evacuation, why are those who complied with the original order not permitted to return?

(f) Does the removal of some 3,000 women and children contribute in any appreciable measure to the safety or defence of the Colony in view of the numbers permitted to remain?

(g) Can any indication be given as to the length of time that these women and children who loyally complied with the evacuation order, are to be compulsorily debarré from returning to their homes? "Should His Excellency find it impossible personally to address such a meeting, we are instructed to enquire whether he would depute a personal representative to do so, or if this is not feasible, whether a Government spokesman could be appointed for the purpose.

"Alternatively, should none of the foregoing commend themselves to His Excellency, we are instructed to enquire whether he would be prepared to receive a deputation from this Committee for the purpose of communicating to them the basic answers to the points in question.

"We have to add that our Committee feels that such a statement would do much to allay the existing feeling of discontent and injustice. They are supported in this view by the opinions expressed at the meeting held on the 27th December, and they feel confident that those whom they represent have at all times been willing to co-operate in any necessary measure for the prosecution of the war effort, and will continue to do so with heart and hand if the feeling referred to above can in some measure be dispelled.

"We have, etc.,  
(sd.) J. L. Wilson, Chairman;  
F. C. Clemo, Hon. Secretary."

We received the following reply, which the Committee accepts as final:  
"6th February, 1941.

"Sir,—With reference to your letter of 25th January, 1941, regarding certain proposals made at a public meeting held at the Peninsula Hotel on December 27th, 1940, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government is not prepared to address a meeting of relatives of evacuees nor to depute a personal representative to do so. In His Excellency's administration.

"With regard to the question asked in the second paragraph of your letter, His Excellency directs me to say that he considers that the matters of which the first six of these questions treat have been adequately dealt with in public announcements and in interviews which His Excellency has had with yourself and another member of your Committee. I am to add that it is clear that the answer to the seventh question can depend only upon future political developments.

"In these circumstances His Excellency considers that no useful purpose would be served by receiving a deputation from your Committee as requested in the fourth paragraph of your letter under reference.

"I am, etc.,  
(sd.) "C. BRAMALL BURGESS,  
Hon. Colonial Secretary."

No Further Action

Public opinion demanded that urgent protests should be made against the policy of compulsory evacuation, and the flagrant injustice of the manner in which the Hongkong Government has enforced this policy. Although no satisfactory reply has been given to the protests, and in spite of the fact that the members of the Committee regard the tone of the reply quoted above as brusque and discourteous, they have decided to take no further action concerning these matters; nor do they wish to make further public pronouncements which might in any way embarrass the Government in the present critical times. All matters, however, pertaining to the comfort and well-being of the evacuees will continue to receive their constant care.

A further letter was sent on the same day to the Hon. Colonial Secretary as follows:  
"Sir,—The Committee have directed us to communicate with you regarding the equitable sharing of the cost of maintaining the evacuated persons.

"We would draw your attention to the fact that there are many husbands and fathers in Hongkong at present who are bearing a very heavy and inequitable financial burden due to having to support wives and families whose evacuation was ordered in July. Owing to (a) the necessity of maintaining two homes, (b) the higher cost of living in Australia, and (c) the cost of maintaining their households increased by amounts varying between £2 and £3 a week according to the size of their families.

"It is clear that this expenditure in the maintenance of evacuation families is the desire of the individual who make it, nor can it be said to be offset in each individual case by a corresponding individual gain. If there is any gain accruing from the compulsory evacuation, as presumably the Government maintains there is, such gains must be to certain individuals, but to the whole community. The price of the gain should therefore be borne by the community as a whole, in which event an equitable share would naturally be accepted by relatives of the evacuees.

"That the evacuation of the families referred to was regarded by the Government as necessary as a defence measure for the Colony is stated in the cable reply of Lord Lloyd dated the 14th December 1940, to the Petition of the Evacuation Representation Committee. The same reason is implied in the point officially made that the evacuation was necessary in order to conserve the food supplies of the Colony. In this connection may we refer to His Excellency's open letter to the Hongkong newspapers.

Bearing the Cost

"If then the evacuation is regarded as having been done in the interest of the Colony in general and maintained for its interest, the Colony should bear its cost. It cannot be argued, we think, that a large proportion of the Community is expected to pay for the evacuation of Europeans, for there has been no suggestion that the Europeans should not pay for other measures of defence designed to protect both themselves and the Chinese.

"It is strongly urged therefore that steps be taken to transfer to the proper quarter, viz. the Colonial Treasury, the financial burden now borne alone by a relatively small number of Hongkong residents. It is suggested that this could be effected by making appropriate grants from the Hongkong revenues towards the cost of maintaining the evacuated families, the amount of the grant to cover the increased expenditure now borne by individuals as stated in paragraph 1 of this letter.

"The way of carrying this out presents difficulty, and the following considerations are suggested:  
(a) Class "C" accommodation of wives and families should be the basis used in calculating the cost of maintenance.

(b) There are some 1,500 persons to be dealt with, representing 800 families. Consideration of cases could be heard in Hongkong.

(c) Payments to the evacuated families could be easily made through the sub-treasuries of the Commonwealth of Australia.

"The Committee are not quite clear about the meaning of the statement that the Home Government are bearing the "cost of the evacuation scheme" in the recent cable reply by Lord Lloyd to the Petition submitted to him. We are under the impression that this must refer to the transit portion of the evacuation since in view of the facts and arguments set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this letter it cannot be said that

the Home Government is bearing the cost.

"The Committee would be pleased to send a representative or deputation for an interview if there are any points in this letter which need clarifying.

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Further Reply

To this letter the following reply was received:

"5th February, 1941.

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# Saints Subdue Cyclones Canuckettes Prepare For Grand Finals

(By "Ball Fan")

**CLEAN-CUT** yet decisive wins were recorded in Hongkong's two major softball loops at the Kowloon ball diamond as leading teams consolidated their pay-off spots in an anticlimax before next week's all-important grand finale.

The marauding Mohawks lambasted a weak playing Filipino Club 19-0, while Dave Leonard's league leading St Joseph's ballhawks continued up on top with a 8-1 win over the youthful Cyclones. The "bottoms-up" Canucks took another shellacking as they bowed to the C.B.C. clan 8-2.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes staged a last minute dress rehearsal before the finale, clubbing through to an 11-0 triumph over Ella Chinn's rejuvenated Chung Hwa Maroonettes, as uncle Mike's Recs concluded a disappointing season with a slight sparkle winning 22-9 from the Little Flowers.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes beat a gallant, geared-up Chung Hwa Maroon nine 11-0 for its 12th victory of the year. Paced by the terrific slugging of lanky Rene Yuen, who slugged out a pair of triples, and hurling ace Mary Ng, the champions displayed a marked all-round superiority, clearly evident throughout the seven innings.

Connecting for eleven solid blows, the winners had Chung Hwa hurler Fung Lee constantly in trouble, tearing across the plate with tallies in all but the first inning.

Rosie Louie, making her debut at shortstop fielded brilliantly making three putouts and assisting in two others.

THE Chung Hwa Maroons bowed out of the current campaign an improved team with more confidence and showing loads of eagerness to be back in the fold next season.

THE rough riding Recs left this year's picture with a vengeance, plunking the Little Flower brownies with a 22-9 defeat.

Uncle Mike's cuties, aided by 15 Las Florina misuses, scored in every stanza with a twelve-hit barrage. Although augmented by the appearance of Cards Betty Fitzgerald and Gillie Motta, the brown flowers were unable to solve the offerings of Jerry Jorge and M. Rodriguez.

Melvy Campos, Rec backstop, injured in the 3rd frame, came back to lead the winners' run attack, in her final league appearance this year.

TAKING a two run lead in the 1st frame as Arturo Ozorio and Al Leonard sped across the pan, St Joseph's burly ballhawks pushed over three more markers in the 3rd inning on Stan Leonard's driving triple with

## League Standing

### GIRLS

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Indians	9	4	.692
Cardinals	9	4	.692
Panthers	7	6	.538
Reveries	7	6	.538
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Las Florinas	1	13	.071

### MEN'S

#### First Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
St Joseph's	10	2	.833
Mohawks	10	2	.833
Reveries	10	2	.833
C.B.C.	4	6	.400
Filipino Club	2	10	.167
Canadian Chinese	0	13	.000

#### Second Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.A.C.	9	1	.900
Waboons	6	4	.600
Reveries	6	4	.600
Compellans	6	4	.600
Las Florinas	4	6	.400
South China	4	6	.400
St. Scotts	3	7	.300
Artillery	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	3	7	.300
R. Engineers	0	8	.000

#### Inter Hong

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hongkong Bank	5	0	1.000
Shell	3	0	.750
Texaco	4	2	.667
Chartered Bank	4	2	.667
Lucas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Green Spots	0	4	.000

two mates on board, and "Santa" Cruz's long sacrifice, to defeat A. M. Omar's flustered hurricane gang.

The Saints packed too much power with the bludgeon, and although outdist by the losers, bunched their tallies in the first four stanzas to breeze in with an easy win.

Kelly Silva-Netto, slab toiling for the Cyclones, encountered trouble continually, fielding loosely to be charged with two costly errors.

ABE Liu's Chinese Baseballers took an easy 8-2 win over the basement-dwelling Canadian Chinese. The Liumen sewed up the game in the 3rd inning on successive singles

## Sunday's Stars

Rene Yuen and Mary Ng, Maple Leafs—Rene continued her terrific batting pace, driving out two slugging triples and a pair of singles for a perfect day with the willow-wand; latter hurled a three hit game, crossed the plate with three runs and made three hits in three times up.

Melvy Campos and Jerry Jorge, Reveries—Melvy led the rough riders big run parade with four tallies and played a steady hind-sneaking game despite an injury in the 3rd frame; latter played a big part in winning her own game by slugging out three stinging base blows.

Stan Leonard and Al Leonard, St Joseph's—Former's soaring triple in the 3rd stanza with two mates on board just about sewed up the ball game for the league leaders; latter was given the O.K. sign with big red letters. In his initial appearance at second base.

Junior Mar and Den Cray, C.B.C.—Former came through with a double and tricky bunt in his first starry appearance of the year; latter held the Canucks to three scattered hits besides connecting for two timely blows.

Johnny Johnson and Honus Wagner, Mohawks—Former batted in three tallies with a timely sacrifice and single, while latter tore across the plate with four runs and played errorless ball in a brilliant performance behind the plate.

## FOOTBALL REFEREES MEETING

THE ALLOTMENT OF GAMES and the award of souvenirs to referees and linesmen who officiate in the Senior and Junior Shield finals was discussed at the fortnight meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday.

It was decided to subject the proposal relating to souvenirs to the Football Association. No replies have yet been received from the F.A. to letters regarding complaints of certain referees to the allotment of games. Speaker of the evening was Mr. T. G. Stokes who gave an address on the duties of an official, and said that most important for the referee was to prevent trouble on the field and the surest method of attaining this was through co-operation between the officials and players.

## Artillery Rugby XV

The following will represent Combined Royal Artillery against Middlesex Regiment in the Large Units Rugby League to-day at Southampton at 2 p.m.:  
Lieut. Fairclough (5th A.A.); Sgt. Marsh (8th Hvy.), Gnr. Giblin (5th A.A.); Gnr. Keeble (12th Hvy.), L/Sgt. Richards (8th Hvy.); Capt. Hook (6th Hvy.); Gnr. Dobbinson (5th A.A.); 2/Lieut. Bompas (H.K.S.R.A.); 2/Lieut. Wedderburn, 2/Lieut. Delfield (12th Hvy.); Bdr. Mow, 2/Lieut. Heath (5th A.A.); Sgt. Page (5th A.A.); 2/Lieut. Edmon (12th Hvy.); Bdr. McDermott (8th Hvy.).

by Nip Lum and Walley Ching, and a crowning double by mountsman Den Cray, as three runs stole across the plate.

Chinese hurler Den Cray limited the weak-hitting Canucks to three meagre blows; but issued seven free passes.

Youngie Lee, Maple Leaf second sacker, came across with the losers two runs and had a busy afternoon by the keystones making one putout and assisting in six others.

THE marauding Mohawks remained in the title hunt as they struck old time form once again to decimate the loose-playing Filipino Clubbers 19-0.

The Tribe tore into Dave Amper's easy rollers for five extra base clouts as manager Honus Waggoner, receiving behind the plate in place of the injured Joe Morris, crushed home four tallies to lead a wild, whooping, run-making merry-go-round.

Speciated Cy Jones, Iroquois mound ace, pitching his usual steady game, had the Island hatchet wielders well under control, coming through with a fine three-hit performance.

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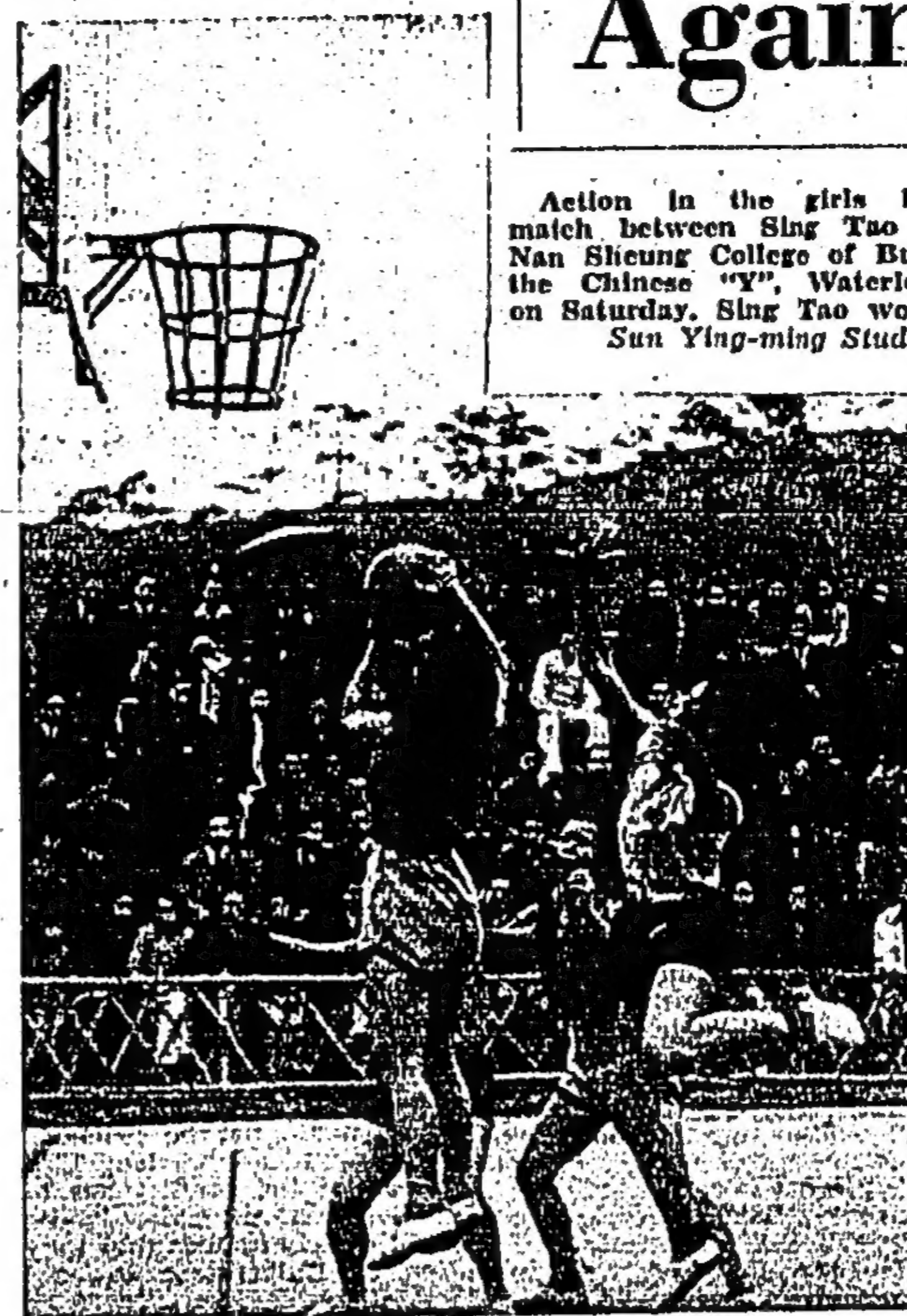
### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 15th March, 1941. (Postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1941.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

# Around The Courses Country Club Return Match Against Kowloon G.C.



Action in the girls basketball match between Sing Tao and the Nan Sheung College of Business at the Chinese "Y", Waterloo Road, on Saturday, Sing Tao won 15-4.—Sun Ying-ming Studio.

## Probably At Sheungshui On March 29: Care Of Clubs During Rain

(By "Birdie")

THE RETURN MATCH between the Country Club and the Kowloon Golf Club will, in all probabilities, be held at Sheungshui on March 29. Though the first match was played on the New Territories course, March 29 is the only date available for the return match, and, unfortunately, the morning of that date is the time when the Kowloon Rifle Ranges will be in use.

Rather than confine the match to an afternoon, therefore, it is proposed and will doubtless be accepted that the game be held again at the Country Club.

Kowloon won the first match, though the result was something of a side issue, but the Country Club hope to reverse the result at the end of this month.

By that time, that is the end of the month, all the rain that is to fall should have fallen. Courses at the moment are very sodden, and the care of one's clubs is a point for players to remember. In this respect, the woods call for the greater attention. Irons, these days, are rustless, but the effect of water on the woods can be quite disastrous.

Caddies or the caddy master usually wipe one's clubs over with oil at the end of a game, but their attention is generally confined to the irons. Linseed oil, the same as is used in the preservation of cricket bats, is of incalculable value when it comes to the woods.

Too much, of course, increases the weight of the clubhouse, but it is hardly sufficient to seriously damage one's swing.

Mrs. B. Botelho and C. H. T. Suen; Mrs. C. Remedios and A. A. Lopes.

First Round.—Mrs. Leo D'Almada Jr. and H. A. Alves v. Miss A. Williams and T. Y. C. Lee.

WAR conditions at Home are certainly bringing into force a new crop of local rules. Two of the latest which were framed to meet enemy interference with the game, and from which it appears that a player who continues during an air-raid takes the risk of more than bodily injury, are: "In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing to play."

"A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb or shell or by machinegun fire may play another ball from the same place. Penalty One stroke."

It was reported that a Yorkshire bowls "fan" was persuaded to try his hand at golf. When asked after the game how he liked it, he replied: "I'll never last."

"Last?" his friends exclaimed in surprise. "Why, there are golf courses all over the country."

"I don't care," commented the bowls expert. "It can't last. Why, when I was at 'fourth hole' the other day I was a mile and a half from 'bar'."

## Fanling Hunt To-day

The meet of the Fanling Hunt to-day will be at the Sheungshui cross-roads. The meet on Sunday will be at the Hunters' Arms, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara will be "At Home."

## H.K.S.R.A. And M'sex Win Cross-Country Races

OVER A SIX MILES COURSE starting from the Polo ground, the Hongkong Area Sports Board held their annual cross-country run yesterday, and in the separate races for Indian and European troops, H.K.S.R.A. took first place in the first named, and Middlesex in the second.

Comparative best individual times were Indians 35 mins 30 secs and Europeans 37 mins 27 secs. The first 12 of the 15 runners counted in the team Championship, and the Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery took first place with an aggregate of 164 points.

Other units competing were the Rajputana Rifles, the Punjab, the Mule Corps, and the Indian Army Service Corps.

The course was down Waterloo Road to the Rifle Ranges, and then back again to Boundary Street via La Salle College, terminating at the Polo ground.

### European Race

Pte Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for European units, clocking 37 mins 27 secs over the same course. Cpl Hobson and L/Cpl Dunne, both of Middlesex, were second and third, respectively, Hobson's time being 37.31. Cpl Truscott and Signa Lihauer, both of Signals, were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Middlesex won the team event, 12 runners of 13 reaching home in the following order: Cpl Hobson (2), L/Cpl Dunne (3), Pte Coomer (6), Dmr Mertel (7), Pte Hughes (9), Pte Sturges (10), Dmr Onslow (13), P. S. M. Ure (15), Pte Henderson (18), Pte Macoy (24), Pte Baker (26), Pte Robertson (27), totaling 161 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units finishing in their respective order were Combined Small Units, Royal Engineers (European and Chinese Sappers), and Royal Artillery. Mrs. McLeod, wife of Brigadier General McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

## Queen's College Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 16, on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

## A.W. Sweeney Dies In Air Crash

The sporting Roll of Honour still grows. To the list must be added the names of Wing-Commander A. W. Sweeney, the British Olympic sprinter, and Capt. Michael G. Hartigan, the racehorse owner.

Sweeney, who died in an air crash, was much admired on the running track. Even without his moustache he would have stood out for his magnificent build and faultless sprint style.

Unofficially he was one of the two fastest-ever British amateur runners over 100 yards—unofficially, because his 0.7 secs. effort in 1937 was rejected by the A.A.A. on account of a purely technical hitch.

### A.A.A. Successes

THE fact remains that Sweeney definitely ran the distance in this time and that the only other British amateur to equal that performance was Eric Liddell, the flying Scot.

Sweeney was a member of the R.A.F. long before the outbreak of war. In 1937, when he was a Flight-Lieutenant, he equalled the English Native Record of 9.8 secs., at the R.A.F. Championships.

He first came into prominence at the Empire Games meeting of 1934 in London, when he won both the sprints.

Sweeney won the A.A.A. "100" in 1935 and 1939, and the A.A.A. "220" in 1936 and 1937.

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### Immigration Agent In Chungking

Chungking, Mar. 4. The Hongkong Immigration Office has published an announcement in Chinese newspapers, stating that an office has been opened in Chungking where Chinese wishing to enter Hongkong may apply for landing permits.—*Reuter*.

The Immigration Officer at Hongkong Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, said yesterday that his department had not opened and did not intend opening a branch office in Chungking. He pointed out that he had merely recognised an agent in Chungking for the Hongkong office.

Mr. Forrest stressed the fact that he had only approved of an agent, and had not appointed one.

### STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: A fair number of enquiries were made during the day, but offers were not sufficiently attractive to lead to any great exchange of shares.

**Buyers**  
Union Ins. \$412.50  
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50  
Lights "O" \$6.15  
Telephones "N" \$8.80  
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Trams \$16.75  
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H.K. Banks \$1,345  
Providents \$5.75  
Trams \$16.00  
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### THE QUEEN LOOKED INTO THE COOKERS— —at a communal feeding centre when doing her tour of London with the King.



—AND THIS IS WHAT SHE SAW  
Below, the day's menu on a blackboard at one of the centres.



### DINNERS COST 6d. EACH

"I've been worried about whether you people have been getting your food all right."

The Queen said that when, with the King, she went to communal meal centres in Peckham, Loughborough Junction and Blackfriars to see how some of the bombed-out Londoners were faring.

The King and Queen were accompanied by Lord Woolton, Food Minister, and Mr. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C. The tour began while an air-raid warning was in force.

### Cost-Of Living Rising Steadily

Readers may recall that the cost of living in Hongkong in August last was stated officially to be \$2 per head per week. In January, this figure had risen to \$2.33; and last month's official figure is now given as \$2.47 per head per week. These figures only cover the cost of food and fuel. In an interval of six months, third grade rice has risen from 9.3 cents to 13 cents per catty and firewood from 2.3 to 3.5 cents per catty.

The Medical Authorities give a round figure of a catty of rice and three-quarters of a catty of firewood per person per day as the average consumption; hence, for rice and firewood alone (without any "sung") the average person has to pay 32.2 cents more per week than he did for the corresponding quantities of rice and firewood in August last—or to be content with proportionately less.

This figure may seem unimportant to the more fortunate, but this is far from being the case with families where three, four or even more persons share in the weekly budget and live in or below the poverty line.

### Latest Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,596,020.01 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

"Kia Ora" (fifth donation)	\$ 50
Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre (in memory of a good friend, the late Mrs. W. Hedley)	10
Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation)	7.41
No. 136	8
European Health Inspectors, C.D.O. (fifth donation)	23
Headquarters No. 27 Company, R.A.M.C. Raffle (fifth donation)	140
"Galoshes"	5
Hongkong Philatelic Society (proceeds of "First Day Cover" Service)	26.02
Cheero Club (sale of old tin, etc.)	5
No. 2 Police Station Mess (seventh donation)	80
Police Club Boundary Street (third donation)	50
P. R. Pay—S. H.	1
Bezique Winnings per F. M. G. (February)	5
T. M. (monthly donation)	5
Kowloon Hospital Sisters' Mess Raffle (eighth donation)	74
Mr. D. Kosick (sundry foreign coins)	3.82
Loving Remembrance of "Little Mother"	5

### CARDIFF RAIDED

Many Casualties In  
Nazi Attack

London, Mar. 4. Cardiff, in South Wales, was heavily raided on the fire blitz pattern last night. A regular stream of incendiaries the town has seen since the war began and then dumped loads of high explosives into the raging fires. It is feared that the damage and casualties are considerable.

The fires started provided beacons for later raiders before the hurried fire fighters were able to extinguish them. Civil fire-spotters dealt with thousands of fire bombs with sand and stirrup pumps before they could do any damage.

The raid was in accordance with the Luftwaffe's recent policy of concentrating attacks on coastal towns, apparently aiming to destroy port facilities and render the shipping position more difficult. One bomb fell on a hospital dispensary, but the patients had been removed to the basement when the raid started and escaped injury.

Other small forces of night raiders over London and a dozen English and Scottish towns dropped many incendiaries, but the attacks nowhere developed into a large-scale raid.—*United Press*.

### One of War's Worst Raids

London, Mar. 4. "One of the greatest fire raids of the war," was a description given by public officials this morning to last night's intense raid on Cardiff. "I doubt if any town has had more incendiaries showered on it in one raid," the Chief Constable told *Reuter*.

Buildings laid waste include churches, several schools, an institute, and some shops. One hospital was hit while operations on casualties were in progress, but, thanks to the work of the nurses and the staff, there were no injuries.—*Reuter*.

### Shell Shatters Raider

London, Mar. 4. At the height of the raid on Cardiff last night there was a big flash in the sky and sparks flew in all directions. A moment later there was a terrific explosion. It is now confirmed that anti-aircraft fire brought down a raider.

Incendiaries were scattered indiscriminately. Many poor houses were destroyed.—*Reuter*.

### Berlin Version of Attack

Berlin, Mar. 4. The Official News Agency to-day stated: "Strong German bomber formations last night attacked military objectives and factories in Cardiff and Newcastle. Due to the good weather the targets could be made out clearly and the first bombs hit the targets, causing explosions as well as a large number of fires. One bomber sank a 3,000-ton merchantman."—*United Press*.

*Reuter* adds that the Official German News Agency also claimed that Newcastle was attacked.

### Ulster to Remain Firmly Loyal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELFAST, Feb. 16 (UP).—John Millar Andrews, new Prime Minister, said in a speech here that Northern Ireland would remain firmly within the United Kingdom and never would become a partner in any all-Ireland republic.

"From my recent contacts with British Ministers I am satisfied that Ulster's position is more fully recognised and appreciated than ever before," he said. "If we loyalists remain united and strong, our position is absolutely secure."

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### NEW NAVAL BUILDING Pocket Battleships

London, Mar. 4. The new "Jane's Fighting Ships" issued to-day reports that three Japanese battleships were launched last year and two more are building.

Germany's Blumark, the 37,000-ton sister ship of the Tirpitz, will be ready next year.

Of Japan's three battleships, one is so far unnamed, but the others have been called Nisnin and Takamatsu. Japan has also launched three 12,000 to 15,000 ton pocket battleships, the Kadekur, Kasino and Hachijo, and another is building.

The British battleship status is unchanged from the last issue. Regarding Soviet building, the issue mentions that it is officially stated that 112 warships were completed in 1939 and 168 were expected last year. Jane's also claims to have secured independent evidence which goes far to support Japanese reports that the Soviet fleet based at Vladivostok includes 70 submarines and over 50 motor torpedo boats.

The issue estimates that at least 40 capital ships are being constructed or under order throughout the world.—*United Press*.

### FIRST AID LECTURE

A new series of First Aid lectures will start to-day, under the auspices of the Auxiliary Nursing Service, at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m.

### Tunnelling Endangers Tenements

The danger of a number of old Chinese tenements collapsing has caused the temporary stoppage of work in the A.R.P. tunnels in Pottinger Street.

Blasting operations have been going on for a week, but it was not until Monday afternoon that the contractors felt that it would be dangerous to continue unless the foundations of the buildings on each side of the street were properly reinforced to stand the concussion.

Buildings affected are those between Stanley and Wellington Streets. They have been reinforced and propped up. A large number of cracks have appeared in the walls from the ground to the top floors.

No official notice to quit has been given to the tenants, but many of them leave the buildings whenever blasting operations commence. One of the tenants said that whole buildings shook when tunnelling work was in operation, and another said they were too scared to sleep in the premises.

All the buildings affected are poorly constructed, with narrow wooden stairways. Repairs to cracks in the wall are being done at 32 Pottinger Street, which appears to be badly affected.

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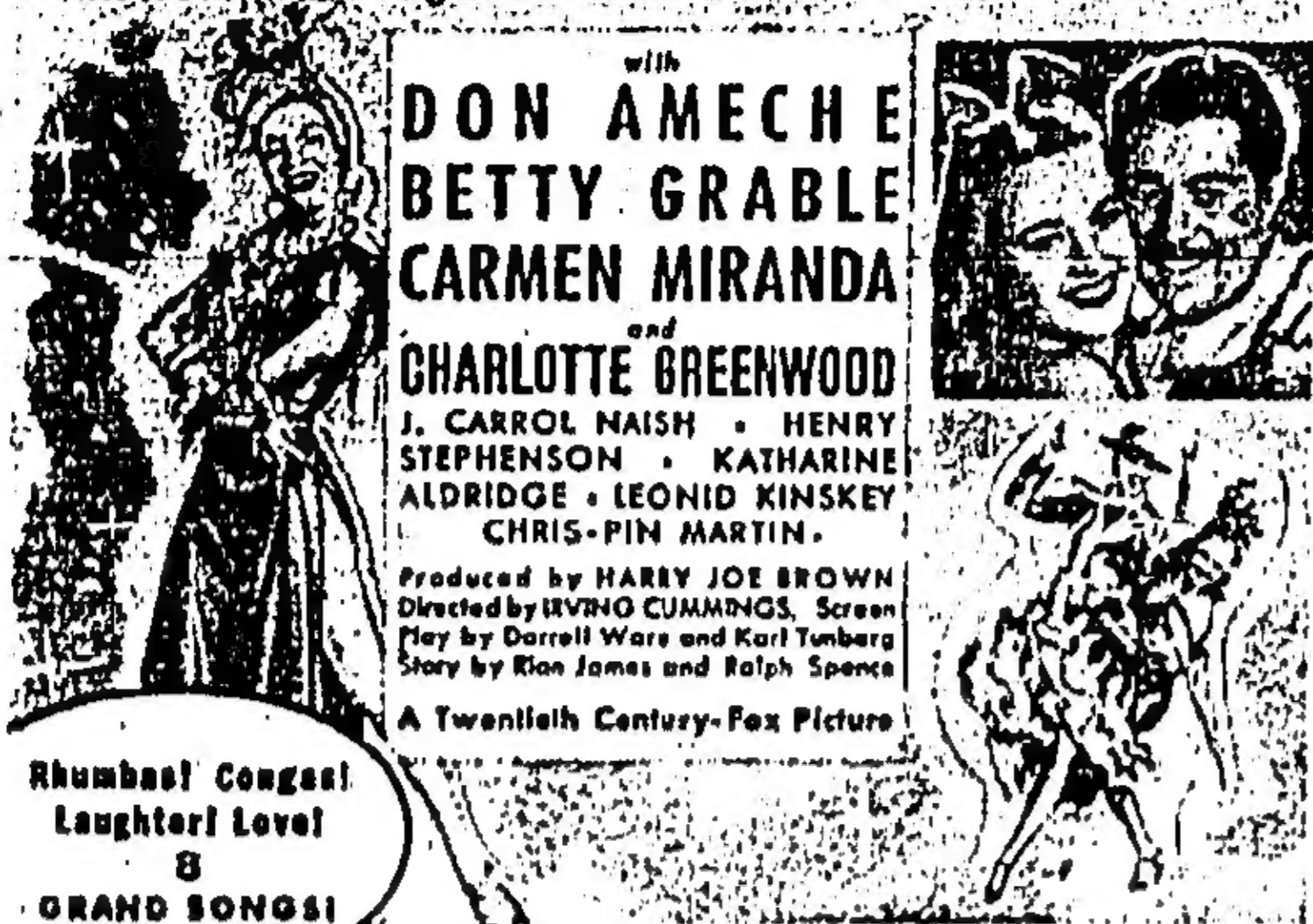
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## RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

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Wilhelmstrasse official stated today that the "dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria was occasioned by evidence in Germany's possession of British plans in south-east Europe." He added: "German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task the troops must be suitably equipped, but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."

**Final Issue Unchanged**  
LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events, the Ankara wireless stated to-night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly. It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded even in Axis circles as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

**Von Papen Mission**  
LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was today received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, States the Ankara wireless.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy."

"Mr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's castle at Chankaya, near Ankara."

## Enormous Fleets In The Making

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cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost a cruiser, seven destroyers and at least 30 submarines.

On the world's new capital ships construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships are of at least 35,000 tons while 20, if not more, are of 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

**U. S. Programme**  
The United States has 17 battle-ships building or on order and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 32,000 tons.

Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

## LATE NEWS

## KING GIVES AUDIENCES

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The King gave audience to-day to three important statesmen.

The first was General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement. It was the first time that His Majesty had received General de Gaulle, though he met the French leader when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

The second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Colonel W. J. Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr Winston Churchill.

## Eire Wants Arms

DUBLIN, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Frank Aiken, the Eire Minister for Co-operation of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-morrow by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

## Japanese Envoy Flies To Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Domei).—Mr Kikokuro Ichikawa, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Iran, will leave Tokyo on March 7 on an eight-day air journey to reach his post. This is the first time that a Japanese diplomat is proceeding to his post by air.

Travel by sea from Japan to Iran has been practically cut off. The land course through Soviet Russia to Iran is still open but Mr Ichikawa has decided on an aerial schedule from Tokyo to Tashkent, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Baghdad and Teheran, a course of 8,000 miles.

## Parcels To Britain

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that any parcel despatched to Britain containing more than two pounds of tea, will be confiscated.

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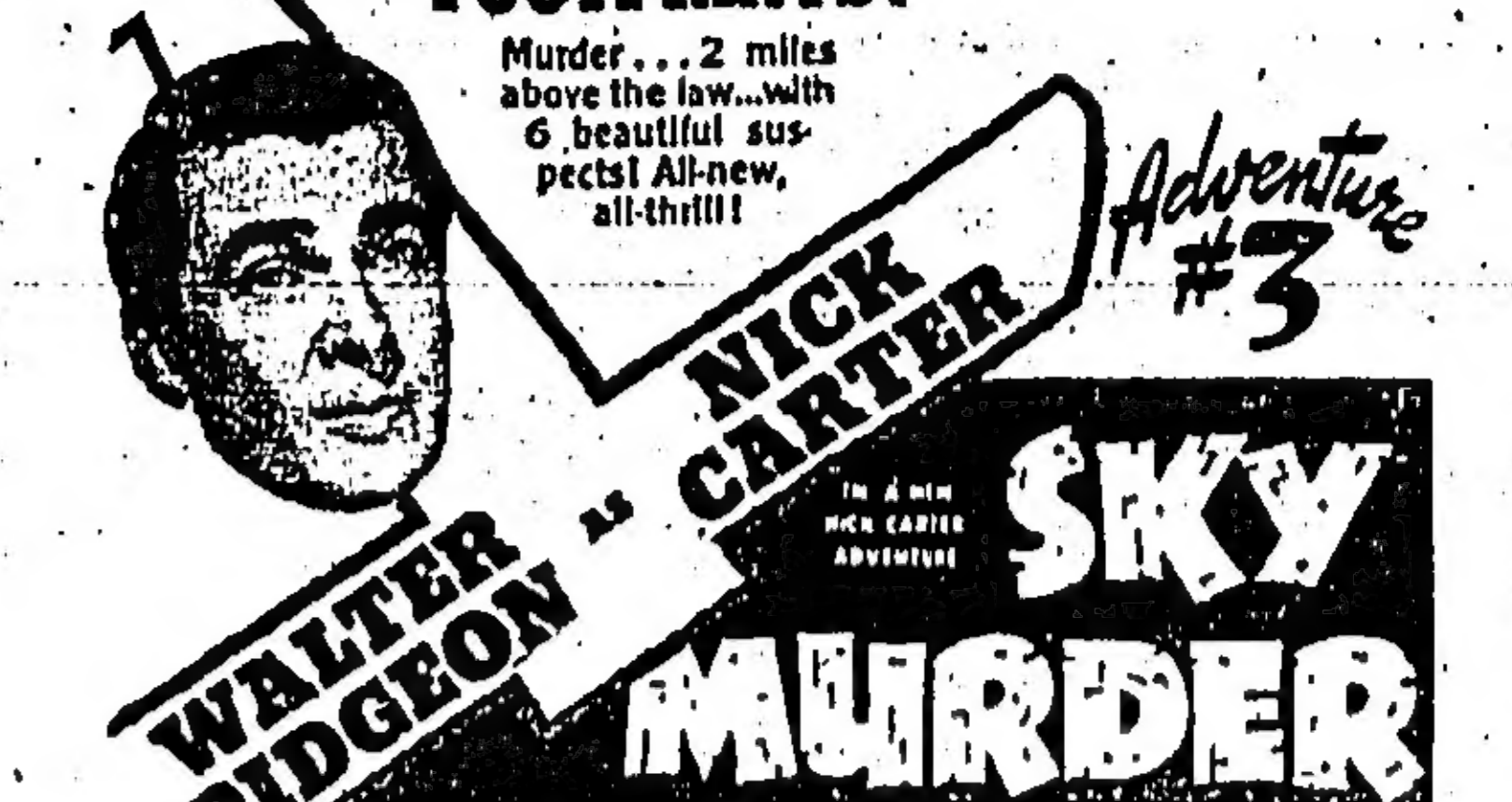
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## Greek-Italian Peace Believed Likely, But Italy Says "No"

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—A high neutral diplomatic official told the "United Press" to-day that the Greeks can be expected to make peace.

King George and the present Government officials who are favourable to England may retire to Crete and continue their relations with the British while a new Government seeks peace.

## RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

Britain Carries Out Threat To Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The Berlin radio announced to-night that diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain had been severed. The British Minister, Mr. George W. Rendel is reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements can be made for his departure.

Asks for Passport

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—It is unimpeachably reported that Mr. William Rendel the British Minister will ask Dr. Filoff the Foreign Minister for his passport at 10 a.m. on Wednesday thereby severing Anglo-Bulgarian relations. Mr. Rendel announced his decision in the presence of a meeting of the Polish, Belgian, Greek and Dutch diplomats.

According to a highest Bulgarian source, the Bulgarian Foreign Office advised the Polish and Dutch Ministers and the Dutch Charge d'Affaires that they may no longer continue their diplomatic missions in Bulgaria due to the situation created by the entry of the German troops.

A high Axis source said that a special German Embassy is arriving at Ankara at 10 a.m. to-day carrying a personal message from Hitler to President Inonu, assuring the Turks that the Germans have no intention of attacking Turkey or the Dardanelles.

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A TURN to Back Page, Column 4

## Bold Raid Off Norway

German Admission

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Light British naval forces carried out a raid on an "unfortified" island off northern Norway on Tuesday morning, states the official German news agency.

"After a short bombardment, which destroyed several fishing boats, soldiers landed and took prisoner some Germans and some Norwegians."

The British vessels, it is stated, left Norwegian waters after a short stay. No official statement on this raid from Berlin is so far available in London.

## 15,000 Japanese Troops Concentrated at Tonkin

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—Authoritative Chinese circles told the "United Press" to-day that 15,000 crack Japanese troops with modern mountain climbing and a large amount of military supplies, including mountain guns, shells, aviation gasoline and bombs are concentrated at Tonkin, with exact target of attack as yet not clear.

Observers pointed out that the possible movements of the mountain climbing units must firstly be northward toward Burma over the ancient paths connecting the French Tonkin district with the southern Shan States; secondly, to advance westward along the Red River and the Black River valleys towards Yunnan, both measures aimed at cutting communications.

## BRITISH TAKE NEARLY 10,000 PRISONERS IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (UP).—To-day's communique says that British troops have occupied Iscia Baidoa and Bulo Burti where "large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all types continue to be discovered. The number of prisoners taken is approaching 10,000 giving the lie to the statement made by the Italians that Italian Somaliland had been voluntarily evacuated."

EAST AFRICAN OPERATION

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British main advance is progressing satisfactorily in Italian Somaliland, states an official communique.

Meanwhile, it continues, subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia, where on March 1 a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

S. African Air Force

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—On March 1 and 2, the South African Air Force carried out raids on southern Abyssinia. On March 1 a fortified position north of Havelle was bombed and on the following day a bombing raid was made on positions near Cabata. Several direct hits were scored and hostile rifle fire silenced. Pilots on reconnaissance flights over Italian Somaliland report that natives in the Lugh Ferrandi area were carrying white flags.

R. A. F. Communique

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communique says—"Italian East Africa: Continued support has been given to our advance troops. The fort at Burye has been heavily bombed and enemy positions were machine-gunned. The landing ground at Asmara was machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of the South African squadron and several enemy aircraft were damaged."

"On the return journey, enemy motor transport near Habi Mantel was attacked and several vehicles were set alight."

"From all these operations, all aircraft returned safely."

Territories Annexed

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Lieut-General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding British Forces in East Africa, has issued a formal proclamation covering the government of the occupied territories.

These territories include all those "formerly ruled, claimed or occupied"

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## South Wales Raided

Channel Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An attempted heavy German air raid on a South Wales town last night was foiled by fire-bomb fighters who dealt with the numerous incendiary bombs so promptly that after some hours of considerable enemy activity, no serious attack developed.

Flares and thousands of incendiaries were dropped but up to a late hour there were no important fires and no reports of high explosive bombs.

London had a slight attack, ending before midnight.

Attack in Channel

Anti-aircraft fire was augmented by the terrific fire of naval guns at a south coast town. The raiders were apparently attacking shipping in the Channel.

Two enemy machines were heard to be in difficulties and appeared to be dropping towards the sea. During the day, air activity was small.

## INDO-CHINA Parties Still Seeking Solution

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuo is reported to have asked the Vichy Government to give a final reply by to-morrow-noon to Japan's plan for the solution of the Indo-China dispute.

The truce in the frontier war between Thailand and Indo-China ends on Friday.

Mr. Matsuo's request, it is stated, was made when he saw Mr. Arzene Henri, the French Ambassador to-night. Mr. Henri is stated to have been noncommittal in his attitude towards the plan which was previously reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.

## Enormous Fleets In The Making

Latest Revelations By "Jane's"

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Striking evidence of the ever-growing naval expansion of the Great Powers, particularly of the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship, and secrecy, the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleships, King George V, in which Lord Halifax went to America; plans of the new German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz; and details of powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section, included for the first time since 1919, gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's Losses

Britain's losses of big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small ships, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace. Britain had also lost 36 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet is reduced by one pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, four TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

Free French Had Arduous Task

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—With the surrender of Kufra, an oasis in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete operations resulting in the capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base. Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

A military spokesman told "Reuter": "The only two oases, Kufra and Gerabub, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action. The immediate problem is how to dispose of the 1,000 prisoners captured, and they will possibly be disarmed and left in Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra, but admit that it was taken against vastly superior numbers.

Total Prisoners

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British took more than 133,295 prisoners during 62 days of the Libyan campaign, according to an official announcement.

This may be compared with 139,476 Germans who the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

The guns captured from the Italians in Cirenaica total well over 1,200.

## Sidi Barrani War Ruins

Before General Wavell's triumphant troops entered Sidi Barrani, one-time Italian stronghold on the north Africa coast, the port was reduced to ruins by the terrific bombardments of British land and sea guns. This picture, taken after the capture of Sidi Barrani shows what was left of Italian barracks after a naval pounding.



## Daring Kidnapping Affair Carried Out In Shanghai

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 4 (UP).—Five Chinese, three of whom were armed, to-day kidnapped Dr. Hsu Well-sing, American educator and President of the Second Higher District Court which is controlled by Chungking.

The kidnappers are believed to be pro-Wang Ching-wel elements in view of the fact that Hsu headed a Chungking-controlled Court in French Concession; however, after the French had handed over this court to the Wang Ching-wel regime, Hsu and other judges moved into the International Settlement where they re-opened their court.

Dr. Hsu was returning home together with his wife when kidnapped. He had alighted from his car and had entered his apartment in French Concession when the kidnappers pushed him back into the car and drove off, using their own cars as well as Dr. Hsu's, having pushed out his wife and chauffeur.

## Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

New Far East Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr. Churchill to-night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuo, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuo sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuo has now sent his response to Mr. Churchill's observations. The conversations to-day were, therefore, continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.

## LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

## ALBANIA

New Bomber Type Shot Down

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Five enemy aircraft were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area yesterday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The communique states: "Greece and Albania: A small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu yesterday intercepted a squadron of bombers, Italian Caproni 007 (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot down two of them into the sea. A few minutes later, the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type of bombers which were returning from the raid on Larissa. Three of these enemy aircraft were also shot down."

"Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepelini area."

Artillery In Action

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Intense artillery action on the Albanian front is reported by the Athens radio to-night. An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.

## Gen. Smuts Visits War Front

Arrival In Kenya

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Smuts, who arrived here to-day, was met by Lieut-Gen. Alan Cunningham, General Officer Commanding the Italian Somaliland front, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival.

## Japanese Navy Said To Be On The Move

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Foochow correspondent of the pro-Chungking newspaper "Shun Pao" reports that 100 Japanese warships reached the Fukien coast on Monday and Tuesday, and some of them continued southward.

The correspondent declared that there were indications that Japanese navy was starting the southward push.

Other Chinese press reports state that 13 Japanese warships were seen moving southward along the Chekiang coast on Monday and that ships arrived in the vicinity of Chinghai on Monday morning, but sailed in the afternoon towards Chousan Island.

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## De Gaulle Delegate In Colony

M. Charles Francois Baron, who was recently appointed to replace M. Guy de Schompre as General de Gaulle's representative in the Far East, arrived on a visit yesterday, accompanied by Capt. I. Lyon, British Liaison Officer.

M. de Schompre, who was recently married in Singapore, has left to pay a visit to General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

M. Baron was formerly Administrator of the French Colony of Chandernagor, India. Capt. Lyon, of the Gordon Highlanders, Singapore, married the beautiful daughter of a French Government official in Indo-China just prior to the outbreak of war. He met his wife when he made a solo yacht voyage from Singapore to Indo-China and running off his course, arrived at a lonely island off Saigon.

The island was the Devil's Island of Indo-China. On this island he met his bride, the daughter of the Superintendent of the large prison and convict settlement. They were married in Saigon.

## Madrid Art Deal With Vichy

A Murillo painting, the Immaculate Conception, has arrived in Spain from the Louvre Museum, Paris. The famous 17th-century Spanish artist painted several pictures with the Immaculate Conception as their subject, but the one reaching Spain is regarded as his greatest work and is also his largest canvas.

The painting went to Spain as the result of negotiations between the Spanish and French authorities for an exchange of works of art having special historic or national interest for Spain.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Alexander Charles Campbell, master mariner, and Miss Gertrude Maria Carmo, clerk, of 7 Seon Keen Terrace.



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#### NOTICE

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E. A. ATKINS,  
Hon. Secretary.

### HONGKONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 28th day of March, 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be 'less than six and not more than ten in number'."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By order of the Board,  
J. P. SHERRY,  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1941.

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#### NOTICE

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1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
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#### What to do to help a child

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The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.  
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The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.  
The Inspector, 12 Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.  
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.  
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.  
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#### NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940  
The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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China and Macao  
14 cents per copy  
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British and Foreign  
20 cents per copy  
25 cents Saturdays.

## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$59 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

#### TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1941

Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March, 1941, at 6 p.m.

### HONG KONG WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

#### MONSTER RAFFLE, 1941

##### RULES

1. The sale of tickets in the raffle will cease on a date to be advertised in the Press.
2. Counterfoils of every ticket sold must be in the custody of the supervisors before the draw. Any ticket sold for which no corresponding counterfoil has been returned to the supervisors will not be included in the draw.
3. A ticket is entitled to one prize only. Any number, having drawn a prize, will be deemed cancelled for the remainder of the draw.
4. Prizes will be delivered to the person who produces the requisite winning ticket. No right to a prize can be recognised except the right conferred by the production of the requisite ticket.
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6. Winning tickets not presented within Three Months of the draw will be considered null and void, and all unclaimed prizes will revert to the donors and/or the Hong Kong War Effort Committee after the above period of Three Months has elapsed.
7. Any misunderstanding or dispute must be referred to the Hong Kong War Effort Committee, whose decision shall be final.

By Order of the Committee,  
Linstead & Davis,  
Supervisors.  
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1941.

#### NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of Banking Advisor to the Malayan Exchange Control. Applications with references and particulars of nationality, age and experience in Exchange Banking or Broking, together with salary required should be made to the Controller of Foreign Exchange, Malaya, Union Building, Singapore. Terms of appointment will be supplied to applicants.

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### KETCHING UP IN ROME

Italian tomato sauce companies have begun an advertising campaign to include housewives to use ketchup instead of fats and oils.

The advertisements say ketchup serves the purpose of oil or butter in salads, boiled meats and omelets.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.

1.30 Reporter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Half an hour with Chopin.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

0.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

0.32 Compositions of Haydn Menuet... "Pablo Casals" (Cello) with Piano acc.; With Verdure Clad (from "The Creation")... Helene Ludolph (Soprano) with Orchestra; Symphony, No. 80 in D Minor; 1st Mov: Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Menuetto; 4th Mov: Presto... Orchestra of New Friends of Music cond. by Fritz Siedler.

7.00 London Relay—"The News."

7.15 London Relay—"From the Old Country."

Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 London Relay—"Merry-Go-Round."

A Variety Feature.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"Makers of Medicine" No. 3: "Qualified at 18: Living in his Stethoscope; Rene Lennec."

Talk by Father C. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 The Comedy Harmonists.

Solitude (de Long and Others); In A Persian Market (Kotelbey); Whistling (Schonberger)... with Piano accompaniment.

9.00 London Relay—"The News."

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Allegro scherzando... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.45 News in French (on short wave only).

10.02 Selections from Grand Opera with Jussi Björling (Tenor).

"The Barber of Seville"—Overture (Rossini); "La Gioconda"—Heaven and Ocean (Ponchielli); "L'Africain"—Oh Paradis (Meyerbeer); "The Valkyries"—The Ride of the Valkyries (Wagner); "La Boheme"—Your tiny hand is frozen (Puccini); "Aida"—Grand March (Verdi).

10.30 Albert Sandler (Violin) and His Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

## JEWS IN HOLLAND

### Deportation And Isolation

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—

Large numbers of Dutch Jews will be deported to Poland, according to a Stockholm report. They will be confined to Jewish reservations established by the German authorities around Lublin in Central Poland.

No confirmation of these drastic steps has yet been obtained, but a Netherlands Government official in London told "Reuter" that such a move would arouse no surprise in Dutch circles.

Dutch Jews, he said, had already been deprived by the Nazis of their Dutch passports and labelled simply as Jews.

### Ghetto In Amsterdam

The Nazis were also reported to be establishing a kind of Ghetto in the Jewish quarter in Amsterdam, where Jews will be compelled to live.

Similar large sections of Dutch Jews have been reported in various parts of Holland. Jews in Amsterdam are largely of Polish origin and, being strictly orthodox, still wear long beards and black robes which are only seen generally among Jews in eastern Europe.

Another large section of Dutch Jews are of Portuguese origin. Altogether there are about 200,000 Jews in the Netherlands.

## French Passive Resistance

### Laval Fears Murder

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—New York papers publish eye-witness accounts of Americans returning from Europe of the growing resistance to the Nazis in France.

William Mock, a student, declared, "agitation against the Germans and Frenchmen collaborating with them is steadily growing. The French put up signs for de Gaulle, Marshal Feltin and President Roosevelt, and the Nazis tear them down."

"M. Laval is well guarded at all times and fears assassination. On December 5 there were rumours that he had been killed, and the Nazis rounded up all the English women in Paris and put them in concentration camps."

"Ninety per cent of the French people believe that England will win."

### Report Denied

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A report circulated abroad to the effect that the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister has gone to Germany is denied in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to a statement issued by the German official news agency.

## POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### INWARD MAILS

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U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 8th Feb.) ..... Mar. 8.  
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Calcutta and Straits ..... Mar. 11.  
Canton ..... Mar. 11.  
U.S.A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date 21st February) ..... Mar. 11.  
Sandakan ..... Mar. 12.  
Canton ..... Mar. 14.  
Air Mail by Pan American Airways Direct Service—San Francisco date, 8th March ..... Mar. 15.  
Sandakan ..... Mar. 15.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Where mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5  
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Thursday, Mar. 6

Haiphong ..... 10.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta

Letters ..... Mar. 6, 11.00 a.m.

Holhow ..... 12.30 p.m.

Saigon ..... 5.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United Kingdom.)

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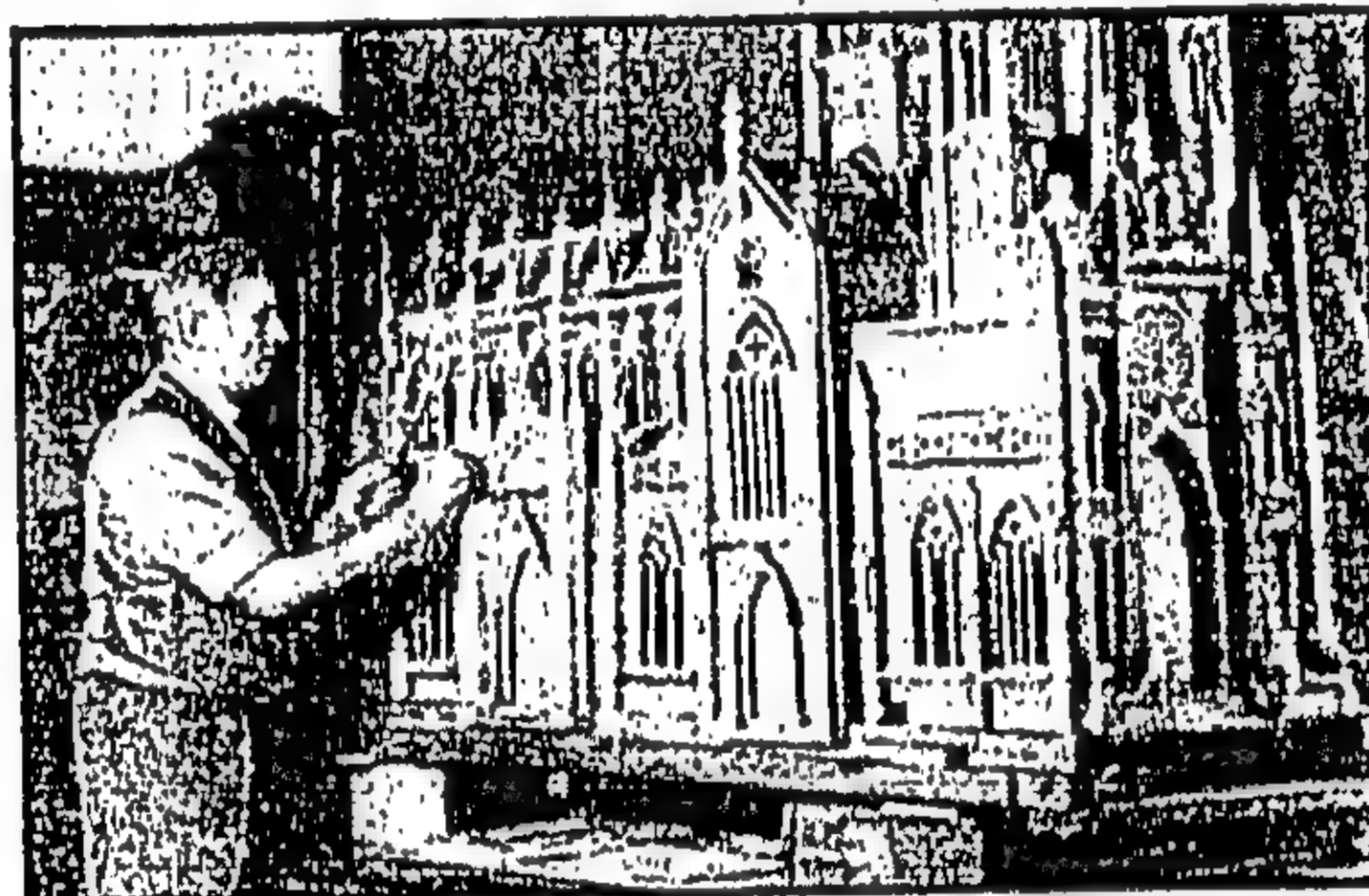
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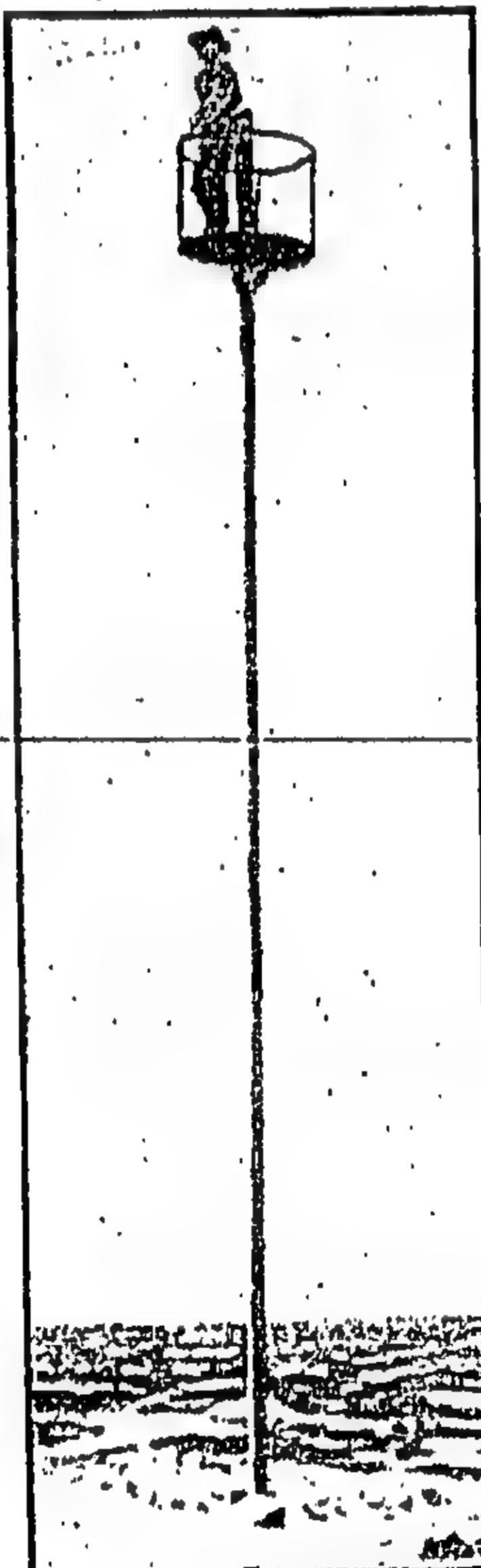


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### 'Jim Ostrich'?



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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

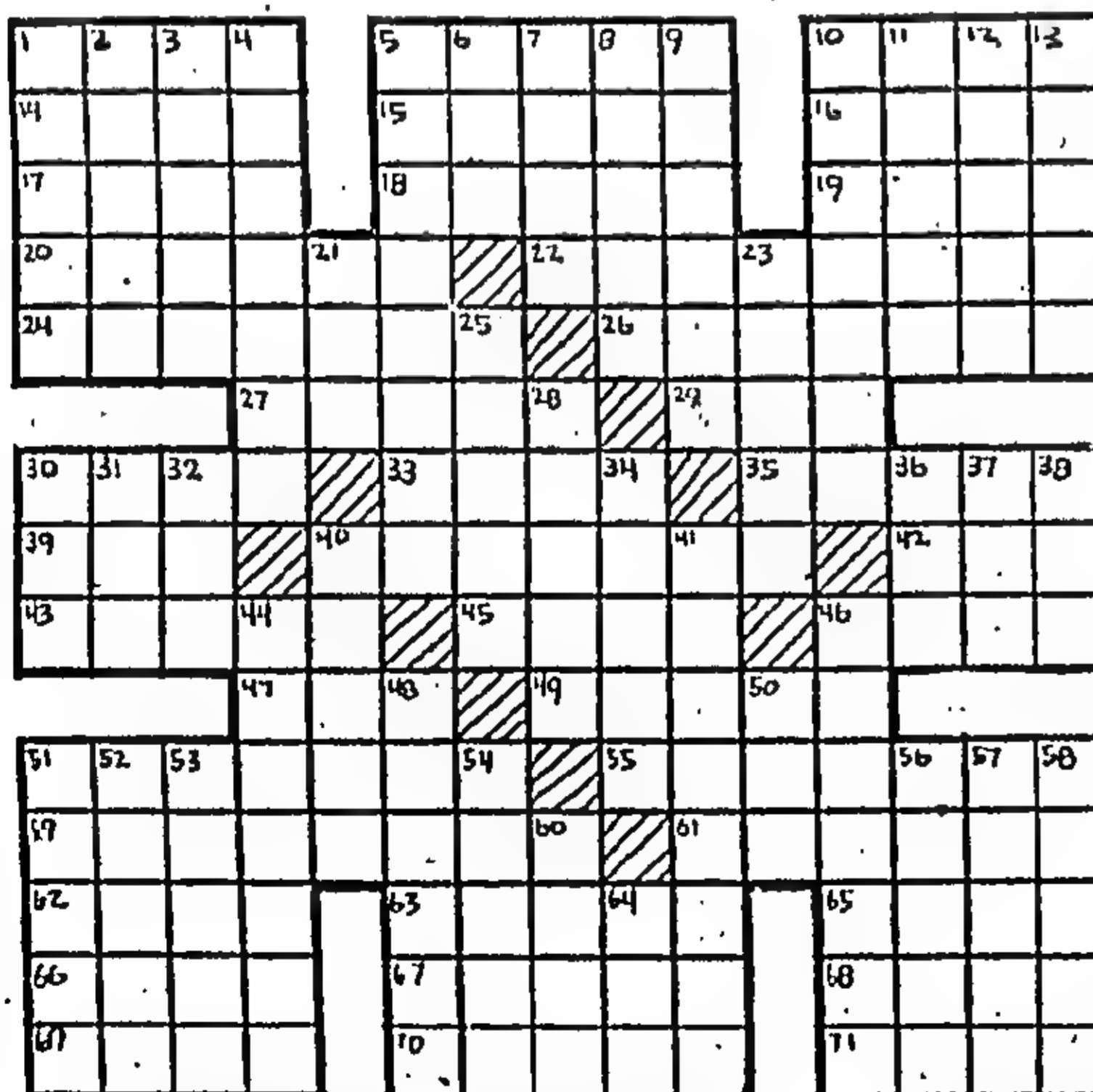
### ACROSS

- 1—Sections of a play
- 5—Measured by strides
- 10—Soft, globular mass
- 14—Cut off covering layer
- 15—Species of lyric poem
- 16—Degree of value
- 17—Chief of gods
- 18—Alcoholic drink
- 19—Poker bet
- 20—Scupper
- 22—In law, namely
- 24—Barren
- 25—Those who delete
- 27—Tender divine honors to
- 30—Day before holiday
- 32—Literary work
- 33—Vessels
- 35—Natural fat
- 36—Malicious person
- 40—More dignified
- 42—Cattle fodder
- 43—Decide void
- 45—Series of herola events
- 46—Burning pile
- 47—Remains in place
- 49—Bevour
- 51—Kind of flower-cluster
- 52—Companies of actors
- 53—Minute examinations
- 54—Hall term
- 55—Outer rubber covering of tire
- 56—Kiss Italian food
- 57—Unite

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1—ACTS  
5—PACES  
10—BUBBLES  
14—STRIP  
15—SONNET  
16—RICHES  
17—ODIN  
18—WINE  
19—BLIND  
20—SCUMPER  
22—BY-LAW  
24—BARREN  
25—DELETES  
27—TENDER  
30—DAY  
32—ESSAYS  
33—VESSELS  
35—FAT  
36—MALICIOUS  
40—MORE  
42—FODDER  
43—VOID  
45—SERIES  
46—PILLS  
47—PILLS  
49—BEVOUR  
51—FLORAL  
52—COMPANIES  
53—EXAMINATIONS  
54—HALL  
55—OUTER  
56—KISS  
57—UNITE

DOWN  
1—Call forth  
2—Want  
3—Stew meat previous to making  
4—Pointed weapon  
5—Water mammal  
6—Source of sugar  
7—Performed  
8—Purple seaweed  
9—Went away  
10—Public warehouse  
11—Peruvian plant  
12—Bitter use of word in two scenes  
13—Vegetal  
14—Perishable  
15—Pertaining to three  
16—Fruit-bearing part of cereal plant  
17—Kind of whisky  
18—Covered with wet mud  
19—Trained platform  
20—Having no function  
21—Type of poisonous acid  
22—Fried  
23—Daughter of Hyperion  
24—Tract of land for growing cattle  
25—Negative ion  
26—Stick with walking-stick  
27—Promote welfare of  
28—Absence of war  
29—Pungent occurring in type  
30—Small piece of rock  
31—Swimming mammal  
32—Bulfinch fruit drink



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### CHINESE ENGINEERS

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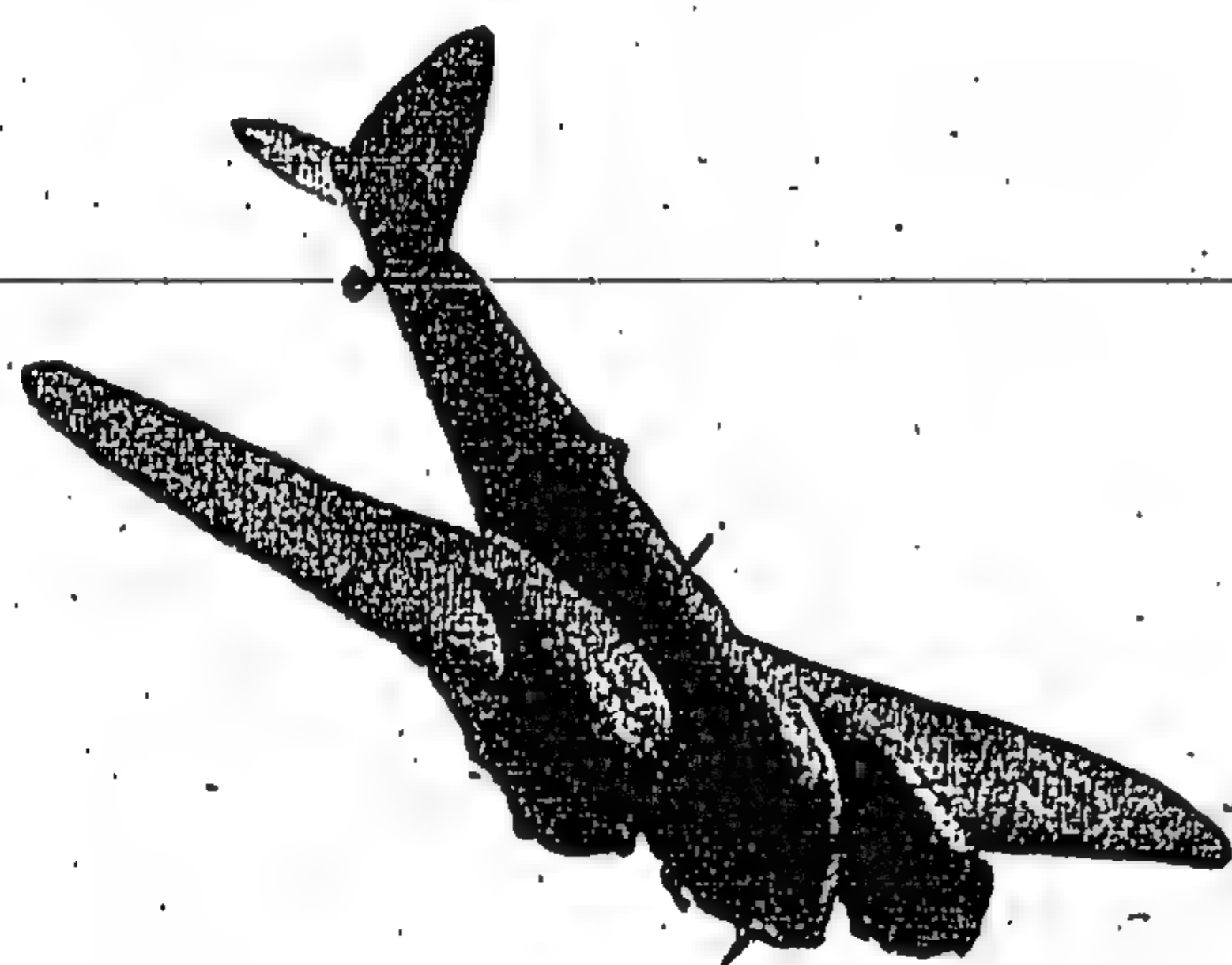
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## NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

HONGKONG'S calmness in the face of the Far Eastern crisis which has arisen just lately has been so striking as to warrant the suspicion that the reaction is caused more by indifference and smug complacency than as the result of any deliberate and objective appraisal of the portends. Possibly too, there has been so much cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" during the past 18 months that the populace has become suspicious and disbelieving. It is not with the intention of causing disquiet and fear that attention is drawn to the political significance of the Japanese manoeuvres in Kwangtung, Hainan, Formosa, Indo-China and Thailand, but it does seem vitally necessary that Hongkong, and especially the huge Chinese population here should be alive to the possibilities.

The popular belief heard expressed in the Colony to-day is that Hongkong will never be attacked; in these times, when events move with such rapidity and changes in the international situation are effected overnight, this is a dangerous assumption. Rather should the Chinese masses here be encouraged to treat the situation with serious suspicion and ask themselves, "In the event of Hongkong being attacked, what am I going to do?" The question is of vital importance both to the welfare and safety of the people and to the successful defence of the Colony against any such attack.

It is fully recognised that the biggest problem which will confront the authorities in the event of an attack on Hongkong is proper control of the tens of thousands of Chinese, not only who are already resident on the island, but those who will endeavour to flock across the harbour. It will be an immense, perhaps impossible task to prevent chaos. The official mind is probably grappling with the problem at the moment, although the solution at first sight does not appear to be an easy one.

In this connection it would seem that the Chinese community leaders might help. Earnest inquiry into the possibilities of finding a scheme whereby considerable numbers of Chinese in the Colony could be transferred to other and relatively safer areas before the danger of attack is imminent may well produce a practical plan. Alternatively these gentlemen could actively co-operate with Government by urging the Chinese populace to take advantage of any mooted official scheme.

A stampede out of Hongkong at this stage would certainly be preferable to the panic which would inevitably result from any assault on this Colony.

## RIDDLES OF 1941

From NEW YORK.

ONE of the great questions of 1941 is whether Japan will honour her obligations to the Axis.

Will she involve herself in war with Britain and the United States as soon as the extent and nature of American aid to Britain is held by Germany to constitute an act of war?

Japan's decision must depend upon three factors: Russia, the extent of American aid to China, and the success of the Japanese military Fascists in converting Japan into a National Socialist State.

Germany might have succeeded in her recent efforts to bring about peace between China and Japan had it not been for the prompt action of the United States in extending new credits to China and promising her arms and aeroplanes while banning exports of scrap iron to Japan.

## Help For China

Chiang Kai-shek was thereby given an assurance that henceforth American aid would be substantial and American opposition to Japanese aggression expressed in deeds instead of only in words.

It is of great significance that Roosevelt in his most recent speeches has included China with Britain and Greece as the nations on whose success in resisting aggression the United States safety depends, and for whom the United States will become an arsenal.

The prospect of real aid from America, and of a complete American embargo on the export of war material to Japan must strengthen the hands of Chiang Kai-shek and all Chinese patriots as against those who are inclined to compromise with Japan and conclude a peace enabling Japan to limit her commitments in China in order to attack the British Empire.

## Embargo Failure

However, the United States is still supplying Japan with large quantities of materials, presumably in the hope that by gentle handling Japan can be kept from entering the war against England.

Unfortunately, although this policy may have something to be said for it politically, it has enabled Japan to lay in large stores of essential war materials and to make it less likely than it was a year or two ago that a complete embargo would halt Japanese aggression.

Moreover, the failure to impose an embargo not only disheartened the Chinese, but has deprived the United States of vital materials and machines.

Lack of these is to-day holding up part of the American arms production programme.

## And Russia?

The accumulation of reserves in Japan may now be sufficient to enable her to risk a war with Britain and America if once she is convinced that her aid is all that

is needed to enable Germany to win a quick victory.

She would then, doubtless, attempt to cut off Singapore by occupying Indo-China and Siam or move against the Dutch East Indies.

However, it is difficult to conceive of Japan implementing her promises to the Axis unless the "China Incident" can be liquidated, and unless she can secure her rear by a pact with the U.S.S.R.

Nineteen-forty-one will show whether Russia will be forced or lured into such a pact by German pressure.

The concentration of German troops in Rumania may conceivably have precisely this end in view.

Stalin dare not fight Germany on account of the economic, military and political weaknesses of his regime.

He is likely to come to terms with Tokyo if pressed sufficiently hard by Hitler. But Hitler may not be convinced that Japan will dare to involve herself in war with the United States, at least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

He may therefore not yet be exercising real pressure on Stalin.

It must also be remembered that it is Stalin's advantage, as well as to Hitler's, to see Japanese aggression diverted southwards.

## She May...

Russia cannot afford to let Japan become master of all China, but might be glad to see a compromise peace enabling Japan to withdraw a large part of her army from China and emboldening her to take the incalculable risks of war with the British Empire and the United States.

If American and British support of China prevents such a peace, Stalin could serve Hitler's interests and perhaps see his own advantage in ordering the Chinese Communists to withdraw their support from the Generalissimo and form a Chi-

Third Article—by Fredo Utley

# What will happen in the Far East?



"Should Japan enter the war against England, the United States would almost certainly fight her."

nese Soviet Republic in the North-West.

Should such an order be given by Moscow and obeyed by the Communists, Chiang might be forced by a majority of Kuomintang leaders to accept Germany's offer to mediate peace with Japan.

China's decision would then necessarily depend upon how much aid Britain and America give.

## China's Communists

Chiang's awareness of the uncertainty of Russian aid and of the dangerous possibility of a Russo-Japanese understanding shown by his recent measures to hem in the Chinese Communists and the Eighth Route Army in the north-west, by encircling them with 200,000 troops, thus leaving them no outlet except through Japanese-held Shansi.

Tension between the Communists and the Chinese Government has never been as great as now.

Japan is unlikely to defy America unless her Fascists can institute a totalitarian economy and social system on the Nazi model in place of the present semi-feudal, semi-"capitalist" set-up.

## Great Obstacle

The great obstacle is the position of the Emperor as the "Divine" Leader of the nation. On account of this Japan is experiencing the same difficulty in going Nazi as she formerly experienced in trying to become a democracy.

Hence the efforts of the Fascists to deprive the Emperor of temporal power and seclude him as a powerless god like his ancestors before the Restoration. Up to date those big business interests, to whose side the Em-

peror leans, and who are desperately anxious not to let Japan involve herself in a war which would destroy them, have retained sufficient political power to prevent Japan implementing her promise to the Axis.

British successes and American aid to China strengthen their hands, but British reverses or indications that the United States will do everything to avoid war in the Pacific would probably enable the military and naval extremists to put Japan into the war as Germany's ally.

The Far Eastern war in 1941 must coalesce with the European war and Britain, willy nilly, must become the ally of China whose war against aggression was for so long regarded with indifference by many Englishmen.

## Facts To Face

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the fate of Britain's Asiatic Empire depends on China, who for so long has battled alone. Indeed, the fate of England herself must be vitally affected by the steadfastness of the Chinese in rejecting all German offers to save a good part of their country from Japan if only they will make peace.

Should Japan enter the war against England the United States will almost certainly fight her, to the great advantage of Germany in the short run.

In the long run the impetus given to American arms production by involvement in the war might outweigh the advantage to Germany of securing the Japanese Navy against England. War against Japan would probably be less unpopular in America than a declaration of war against Germany, since there are no minorities here in sympathy with Japan.

Anglo-Indian relations are also a vital factor. Should we have the courage and wisdom to promise India freedom and treat her as an ally, her vast material, moral, and man-power resources could be mobilised to save the East from totalitarian tyranny. Nothing would do more to convince doubting Americans of what we are fighting for than an abandonment of Imperialist domination of India.

## TO-MORROW

the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, discusses in an interview with Maurice Webb the question, "Will Our Blockade Win?"

# Mussolini's London Flop

By Hannen Swaffer

HOW long will Mussolini survive as the Dictator of Italy?

When will the Royal Family, the heads of the Army and the depressed workers join in a revolt?

Never so quickly, in the hour of test, was the reputation of a world figure so suddenly shattered.

I REMEMBER an Italian head waiter whose leg I frequently pulled with the words, "How's your fat friend?"

"He would walk away pained and then, returning time after time, recite this monologue:—

"When I come to London they say: 'Ah, dago, hokey-pokey, organ-grinder.' They ask me, 'Where's your monkey?' and laugh. 'Now, Italia great! Mussolini stop the hokey-pokey, say 'No monkeys.' Mussolini great man. Evvi-va Italia.' The head waiter is interned.

IT was with curiosity I picked up yesterday a novel called "The Cardinal's Mistress." Published here in 1929, it bore, on the cover, the name of the author, Benito Mussolini, and

the words: "The pen is mightier than the sword. Mussolini's power with the latter is unquestioned. Readers will be anxious to test his skill with the former."

Yet it was not till his brutal assault on little Greece ten weeks ago that Mussolini's power with the sword was tested.

He had better go back to writing novels!

DO you remember how, in April, 1932, Mussolini's only play, written with Forzani, was produced in London?

He called it "Napoleon, the Hundred Days."

Sydney Carroll, the manager, and John Drinkwater, who adapted it, received from the King of Italy, no doubt because Mussolini ordered it, the degrees of Knight Commander of the Crown of Italy; Robert Atkins, who played Napoleon, and Arthur Wontner, who was Fouche, received a Knighthood in the same order.

Yet the play ran for less than a month!

I WROTE, as my criticism, an open letter, addressed, "Dear Duce," and beginning: "As in Italy your critics are sent away to mysterious islands, and then

sometimes never heard of again, it is from England that I am writing this. My opinion of your play, I feel quite safe here.

"The Italian headwaiters present all came out looking as if they liked it. The Belgian, Italian and German Ambassadors smiled, diplomatically. 'All the world-be Mussolini present—there were at least ten of them—looked very Napoleonic.'"

AFTER a caustic criticism of the play, I concluded: "Frankly, Mussolini, why do you see in Napoleon only a conqueror who was betrayed? Why must we see history as a pageant of men of might and pomp? 'We saw nothing of his millions of victims—the victims of power and majesty and dominion over suffering men and stricken women. Put that in your next play!'"

NOT even as a dramatist did Mussolini have all his own way. He was dictator in Italy—but every adaptor altered his play in a different way in every country in which it was produced.

Paris cut out Wellington and all the English and German officers. Weimar cut out Wellington and the English—but left in the Germans. London made cuts.

Forzani must have got tired of calling on his fellow-author and saying: "Master, they've altered your play again!"

ALL the Society nobles of London went along and praised the play—but the sequel was a sordid row over the income-tax on Musso's fees!

# CHINESE COMMUNISTS TONE DOWN DEMANDS TO THE CHUNGKING GOVT.

By F. M. FISHER  
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—The absence of all seven Communist members of the National People's Political Council from the first few meetings of the current session, while reflecting serious political differences between the Kuomintang and the Communists, does not necessarily mean an open break leading to civil strife in the opinion of informed neutrals in Chungking.

The present abstention of the Communists from the Council is felt here as indicating that the long continued mutual efforts to reconcile political and other differences have not yet been successful, although some progress in this direction has already been made.

## Changsha Bombed, Landings On S. Kwangtung Coast

CHANGSHA, March 4. (Central News).—After a long respite, 30 Japanese planes staged a raid over Changsha yesterday morning. They were greeted by thunderous Chinese anti-aircraft fire and were forced to break formation. After unloading their bombs haphazardly, they flew away in a northerly direction. Damage caused by the raid is understood to be slight.

Fifty-six Japanese planes in several squadrons raided Yushan and other towns in Kiangsi yesterday.

### Kwangtung Landings

CHUNGKING, March 4 (Central News).—Military advisers from Kwangtung indicate that heavy fighting has flared up on the Toishan and Yeungkong coast as a result of Japanese landing there.

Early on Monday morning five Japanese warships and 50 rubber boats with about 1,000 Japanese aboard, arrived off the coast at Kwangshui, south-west of Toishan. Under the protective bombardment of eight Japanese warships, a landing party of 1,000 men landed and pushed toward Toishan, meeting with strong Chinese resistance.

On Monday night Japanese troops from Sunwei in a number of rubber boats landed at Taino and headed for Shachung.

Under a protective barrage laid by their naval guns units of Japanese troops tried to land at Paktsunkong in the district of Yeungkong this morning.

## INDIAN AIR FORCE UNITS

### Boys' Prospects

DELHI, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—"How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force was shown to me when I visited the school of Air Force technical training at Amballa," writes Reuters's special correspondent. "There are several hundred airmen under training recruited from all over India, including all castes and creeds. The school covers an extraordinarily large variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted."

"The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanics, flight riggers, carpenters, electricians, wireless operators, photographers and many others, lasts for six months after which the men qualify and go into a unit."

"Owing to the rapidity of expansion of the Indian Air Force, the prospects are the best, and there is keen competition for enlistment, it being realised that expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peace time."

"I visited several workshops where tuition is proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in their work, I felt that my guide spoke truly when he spontaneously paid tribute to the lads, saying that they were as keen as mustard."

## QUO TAI-CHI SEES MENZIES

LONDON, March 4 (Central News).—Mr Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St James's to-day called on Mr P. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, and had a friendly exchange of views on the Pacific situation and other questions affecting the mutual interests of China and Australia.

The question of the exchange of diplomatic missions between China and Australia was also discussed. Australian circles believe that Mr Menzies is anxious that such an exchange should take place soon.

**Speech Contrasted**  
Interviewed after his talk with Mr Menzies, Mr Quo said that the speech made by Mr Menzies to the Foreign Press Association yesterday should not be interpreted as indicating that Australia is prepared to give way to force or to knuckle under to an aggression, though she is anxious to preserve peace in the Pacific, make friends and continue to seek friendship with Australia's neighbours. He was so convinced in view of the active defence measures in Malaya and the Pacific recently undertaken by Australia, and particularly after his exchange of views with Mr Menzies.

### Chungking Posts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—General Ho Kuo-kwang was sworn in this morning as Commander of the National Gendarmerie and concurrently Deputy Garrison Commander of Chungking. Simultaneously, General Chang Cheng assumed his office as Vice-Commander of the Gendarmerie, and concurrently Dean of the Gendarmerie School.

## PHILIPPINE IS. DEFENCE

### Congress Opinion

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—Senator Lister Hill, chief Democratic Whip and a Military Affairs Committee member, predicted to the "United Press" an overwhelming approval of Philippine defence measures.

He said: "I think we have a definite responsibility to protect the Philippines and it will remain our primary responsibility to do so until they are independent. The purpose of the defence measures is to put us in a position to defend the Philippines; additionally, the measures are steps in support of our Far Eastern policy."

One Republican Military Affairs Committee member said that most Republicans would "go along" with the Philippines defence measure as a matter of firmness in our Far Eastern policy.

## Why R.A.F. Is Giving Hamm A Miss

Hamm, once the favourite target of the R.A.F., has not been bombed for several weeks. Perhaps people have wondered why the Bomber Command could not be satisfied with attacking this railway marshalling yard once a week or once a month, instead of every 24 hours.

The answer is that damage to a railway can be repaired in a time which must seem incredibly short to the layman.

Major Girouard, who was the British Director of Railways during the Boer War, was faced with this problem. Within five weeks in 1900 he had to repair 27 bridges, 41 culverts, and 10 miles of line. He repaired them all so rapidly that their working was scarcely affected.

### Great War Damage

The last Great War caused even more damage to railways. During 1918 French and British engineers had to renew 2,000 kilometres of line, 1,500 bridges, 13 tunnels, and 500 stations.

War-time repairs to a railway are rough and probably last only a year or two. They are often accomplished with the use of timber "piles," driven into the soft earth and rubble which is hastily stuffed into the crater made by a bomb or shell. Upon this the sleepers and lines can quickly be laid.

The highly-efficient German engineers, whose weary task it is to keep the Hamm yards in order, are probably using this method, for they have plenty of good timber at hand in the forests of the Harz Mountains. But even by using timber piles the Nazis take at least 24 hours to make good the damage done by British bombers.

### Control Smashed

Why, then, if railroad repairs can be effected so quickly, have we left Hamm in peace for so long?

The probable reason is that Hamm's control system has been smashed. The lines to a railway system can be repaired with great speed, but the controls cannot. Probably Hamm's control system is out of action for the time being.

Four miles long and nearly a mile across, Hamm is able—when working normally—to deal with 10,000 wagons a day, and the yards are essential to the smooth operation of from 500 to 1,000 German factories.

## Parcels To Britain

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that any parcel despatched to Britain containing more than two pounds of tea, will be confiscated.

Both sides have grievances. However, Government authorities, saying they are unwilling to aggravate the delicate situation, indicate that it is not permissible to enumerate or discuss the arguments advanced by either side just now.

### Twelve Demands

Following the disbandment of the new Fourth Army, the Communists published a list of 12 demands asking for the reinstatement of the new Fourth Army and the release of its Commander General Yeh Ting; asking legal recognition of the Communist Party; asking for the punishment of the Central Army Commanders involved in the disbandment of the new Fourth; requesting that an end be put to the one-Party rule and demanding the inauguration of a constitution.

The Government is viewing the matter as non-political and as being merely a question of military discipline. Apparently it could not agree with these demands from a minor political party. However, conversations and negotiations have proceeded in which both parties gave evidence of a willingness to make some concessions.

This was the position when the approach of the Council session made the question more important. The Communists' demands had not been advanced as conditions for attending the Council but they made it known that they would not attend with the question still completely unsolved.

### Special Committee

It is authoritatively stated that certain northern Kuomintang members approached Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek suggesting that the Council appoint a special committee designated to consider the friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists to which the Generalissimo agreed.

Upon the suggestion by non-Kuomintang members, the Generalissimo approved that one Communist member be elected to the presidium of the Council provided the Communists would attend the sessions. Meanwhile, the opening date of the session arrived and the meeting was held without the presence of the Communists.

It was nearly midnight of the first day of the session that the Communist representatives at Chungking received authorization from Yenan to advance a greatly modified form of the 12 conditions under which they could attend the Council. The modified list excluded three of the previous demands which the Government had said were quite inadmissible. The modified list was presented directly to the Secretary General of the Council on Sunday.

Government circles say the contents of the 12 conditions constitute matters over which the Council has no authority, and official and authoritative circles say that the Council members do not wish to create a precedent by which any party can dictate the conditions of attendance.

The possibility of further mutual adjustment is apparently not excluded since it is understood that both sides are indicating a willingness to make some concessions. Some circles are optimistic that an eventual compromise may be reached, even if it comes after the present session of the Council has terminated.

## KING GIVES AUDIENCES

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The King gave audience to-day to three important statesmen.

The first was General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement. It was the first time that His Majesty had received General de Gaulle, though he met the French leader when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

The second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Colonel W. J. Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr Winston Churchill.

## Japanese Envoy Flies To Iran

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Domei).—Mr Kikotaro Ichikawa, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Iran, will leave Tokyo on March 7 on an eight-day air journey to reach his post. This is the first time that a Japanese diplomat is proceeding to his post by air.

Travel by sea from Japan to Iran has been practically cut off. The land course through Soviet Russia to Iran is still open but Mr Ichikawa has decided on an aerial schedule from Tokyo to Taihoku, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Bagdad and Teheran, a course of 8,000 miles.

## Soviet Rebuke To Sofia Reveals Her Anxiety

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The important statement broadcast from Moscow in regard to the German occupation of Bulgaria has given rise to much comment in diplomatic quarters in London, learns "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent.

There is nothing, however, to suggest that it means more than it says, namely that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to preservation of peace.

Consequently, the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives credence to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, re-affirmed his readiness to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union. This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

The significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

### Underlying Motive

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned. It is clear that opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

By implication, blame for the spread of the conflict has been put on Germany's shoulders, as the statement clearly implies that the occupation of Bulgaria is to extend the operations.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,340/45 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....73 n.  
H.K. Banks (S.H.K.) \$.....73 n.  
Chartered \$.....73 n.  
Mercantile, A. & B. \$.....23 n.  
Mercantile, C. \$.....11 1/2 n.  
East Asia \$.....76 b.

### INSURANCES

Cantons \$.....215 n.  
Union \$.....417 n.  
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.  
H.K. Fire \$.....170 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....125 n.  
Steamboats \$.....8 n.  
Indo-China P. S. \$.....100 n.  
Indo-China D. S. \$.....60 n.  
Shell (Bearers) \$.....43/9 n.  
Waterboats \$.....7 n.

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....95 n.  
Docks (old) \$.....17/00 n.  
Docks (new) \$.....17 n.  
Providents \$.....5 1/2 b. & 5 n.  
Shui Dockyards \$.....28 n.

### MINING

Kailan s/- \$.....17/- n.  
Raubas \$.....8 n.  
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/2 cts. n.

### LANDS

Hotel \$.....330 n.  
Lands \$ x. d. \$.....32 1/4 n.  
Lands 42 \$ Debentures \$.....97 1/2 b.  
Shui Lands Sh. \$.....11 1/2 n.  
Humphreys \$.....0.80 n.  
H.K. Realities \$.....3.20 n.  
Chinese Estates \$ x. d. \$.....98 n.

### UTILITIES

Trams \$ x. d. \$.....10 1/2 s.  
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.  
Peaks Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.  
Star Ferries \$.....54 1/2 n.  
Y. Ferries \$.....54 1/2 n.  
China Lights (old) \$.....6 1/2 b.  
China Lights (new) \$.....1.97 1/4 n.  
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....41 1/4 n.  
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....41 1/4 n.  
Macao Electric (Old) \$.....17 1/4 n.  
Macao Electric (New) \$.....16 1/4 n.  
Saidakan Lights \$.....13 n.  
Telephones (old) \$.....24 s.  
Telephones (new) \$.....0 s.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....30 n.  
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....25 n.  
Canton Ices \$.....1 n.  
Cements \$.....16.90/95 n.  
H.K. Ropes \$.....8 1/4 n.

### STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$.....18 1/4 n.  
Watsons \$.....10 1/4 n.  
Lane Crawford's \$.....7 1/4 n.  
Sincere \$.....2.39 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....1.90 n.  
Powell Ltd. \$.....1.90 n.

### COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$.....40 n.  
Shui Cotton Sh. \$.....200 n.

### MISC.

H.K. Govt 4 1/2% (1934) \$.....95 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) \$.....94 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds. \$.....42 n.  
H.K. Entertainment \$.....7 n.  
Constructions (old) \$.....1.60 n.  
Constructions (new) \$.....1.1 n.  
Vibro Piling \$.....7.70 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$.....8/6 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$.....2/6 n.

### NEW ZEALAND DEFENCES

#### 30,000 Men Overseas

WELLINGTON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—Including the Home Guard and members of the Expeditionary Force in training, New Zealand should have considerably more than 100,000 men available to defend her shores in a national emergency, stated the Prime Minister, Mr Peter Fraser, in a speech to-day.

Well over 30,000 New Zealanders, he added, were serving overseas in the three services and a large proportion of New Zealand's adult population was actively engaged in national war service in one form or another.

## Trawler Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that the trawler Ouse of 600 tons has been sunk with some casualties.



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# Saints Subdue Cyclones

## Canuckettes Prepare For Grand Finals

(By "Ball Fan")

CLEAN-CUT yet decisive wins were recorded in Hongkong's two major softball loops at the Kowloon ball diamond as leading teams consolidated their pay-off spots in an anticlimax before next week's all-important grand finale.

The marauding Mohawks lambasted a weak playing Filipino Club 19-0, while Dave Leonard's league leading St Joseph's ballhawkes continued up on top with a 8-1 win over the youthful Cyclones. The "bottoms-up" Canucks took another shellacking as they bowed to the C.B.C. clan 8-2.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes staged a last minute dress rehearsal before the finale, clubbing through to an 11-0 triumph over Ella Chinn's rejuvenated Chung Hwa Maroonettes, as uncle Mike's Rees concluded a disappointing season with a slight sparkle, winning 22-9 from the Little Flowers.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes bent a gallant, geared-up Chung Hwa Maroon nine 11-0 for its 12th victory of the year. Paced by the terrific slugging of lanky Rene Yuen, who stomped out a pair of triples, and hurling ace Mary Ng, the champions displayed a marked all-round superiority, clearly evident throughout the seven innings.

Connecting for eleven solid blows, the winners had Chung Hwa hurler Fungie Law constantly in trouble, tearing across the plate with tallies in all but the first inning. Rosie Louie, making her debut at shortstop fielded brilliantly making three putouts and assisting in two others.

THE Chung Hwa Maroons bowed out of the current campaign an improved team with more confidence and showing loads of eagerness to be back in the fold next season.

THE rough riding Rees left this year's picture with a vengeance, plastering the Little Flower brownies with a 22-9 defeat.

Uncle Mike's cuties, aided by 15 Las Florida miscreants, scored in every stanza with a twelve-hit barrage. Although augmented by the appearance of Cards' Betty Fitzgerald and Gillie Motta, the brown flowers were unable to solve the offerings of Jerry Jorge and M. Rodriguez.

Melvy Campos, Rec backstop, injured in the 3rd frame, came back to lead the winners' run attack, in her final league appearance this year.

TAKING a two run lead in the 1st frame as Arturo Ozorio and Al Leonard sped across the pan, St Joseph's burly ballhawkes pushed over three more markers in the 3rd inning on Stan Leonard's driving triple with

### League Standing

#### GIRLS

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Wahoes	10	4	.706
Cardinals	9	5	.643
Panthers	7	6	.538
Reereels	4	10	.286
Chung Hwa	3	13	.192
Las Florinas	1	13	.077

#### MEN'S

##### First Division

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
St Joseph's	10	3	.769
Indians	10	3	.769
Reereels	10	3	.769
Cardinals	9	5	.643
Cyclones	7	6	.538
C.B.C.	4	10	.286
Filipino Club	2	10	.154
Canadian Chinese	0	13	.000

##### Second Division

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	8	1	.889
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Compellians	6	3	.667
Lisa Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Las Florinas	3	7	.300
R. Artillery	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	9	.111
R. Engineers	0	9	.000

##### Inter Hong

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Hongkong Bank	5	3	.625
Shell	4	4	.500
Texaco	4	4	.500
Chartered Bank	3	5	.375
Cables	2	6	.250
Green Spots	0	8	.000

Two mates on board, and "Santa" Cruz's long sacrifice, to defeat A. M. Omar's flustered hurricane gang.

The Saints packed too much power with the bludgeon, and although outlived by the losers, bunched their tallies in the first four stanzas to breeze in with an easy win.

Kelly Silva-Netto, slab toiling for the Cyclones encountered trouble continually, fielding loosely to be charged with two costly errors.

ABE Liu's Chinese Baseballers took an easy 8-2 win over the basement-dwelling Canadian Chinese. The Liumen sewed up the game in the 3rd inning on successive singles

### Sunday's Stars

Rene Yuen and Mary Ng, Maple Leaf—Rene continued her terrific batting pace, driving out two stalling triples and a pair of singles for a perfect day with the willow-wand; latter hurled a three hit game, crossed the platter with three runs and made three hits in three times up.

Melvy Campos and Jerry Jorge, Reereels—Melvy led the rough riders big run parade with four tallies and played a steady hind-sneaking game despite an injury in the 3rd frame; latter played a big part in winning her own game by slashing out three stinging base blows.

Stan Leonard and Al Leonard, St Joseph's—Former's soaring triple in the 3rd stanza with two mates on board just about sewed up the ball game for the league leaders; latter was given the O.K. sign with big red letters, in his initial appearance at second base.

Junior Mar and Den Cray, C.B.C.—Former came through with a double and tricky bunt in his first starry appearance of the year; latter held the Canucks to three scattered hits besides connecting for two timely blows.

Johnny Johnson and Honus Waggoner, Mohawks—Former batted in three tallies with a timely sacrifice and single while latter tore across the plate with four runs and played errorless ball in a brilliant performance behind the platter.

## FOOTBALL REFEREES MEETING

THE ALLOTMENT OF GAMES and the award of souvenirs to referees and linesmen who officiate in the Senior and Junior Shield finals was discussed at the fortnight meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday.

It was decided to subject the proposal relating to souvenirs to the Football Association. No replies have yet been received from the F.A. to letters regarding complaints of certain referees to the allotment of games.

Speaker of the evening was Mr. T. C. Stokes who gave an address on the duties of an official, and said that most important to referees was to prevent trouble on the field and the surest method of attaining this was through co-operation between the officials and players.

### Artillery Rugby XV

The following will represent Combined Royal Artillery and Midland Regiment in the Large Units Rugby League to-day at Soekunpoo at 3 p.m.: Lieut. Fairclough (5th A.A.); Sgt. Marsh (8th Hvy.); Lieut. Richards (8th Hvy.); Capt. Hook (8th Hvy.); Gnr. Dobbins (5th A.A.); 2/Lieut. Bomar (12th Hvy.); 2/Lieut. Wedderburn (2/Lieut. Dolderfield (12th Hvy.); 2/Lieut. Heath (8th A.A.); Sgt. Page (8th A.A.); 2/Lieut. Edlison (12th Hvy.); 2/Lieut. McDermott (8th Hvy.).

by Nip Lum and Walley Ching, and a crowning double by moundsman Den Cray, as three runs stole across the plate.

Chinese hurler Den Cray limited the weak-hitting Canucks to three measly blows, but issued seven free passes.

Youngster Lee, Maple Leaf second sacker, came across with the losers two runs and had a busy afternoon by the keystone making one putout and assisting in six others.

THE marauding Mohawks remained in the title hunt as they struck old time form once again to decimate the loose-playing Filipino Clubbers 10-0.

The Tribe tore into Dave Amper's easy rollers for five extra base clouts as manager Honus Waggoner, receiving behind the plate in place of the injured Joe Morris, crashed home with four tallies to lead a wild, whooping, run-making merry-go-round.

Spectacular Cy Jones, Ingoouls mound ace, pitching his usual steady game, had the Island hatchet welders well under control, coming through with a fine three-hit performance.

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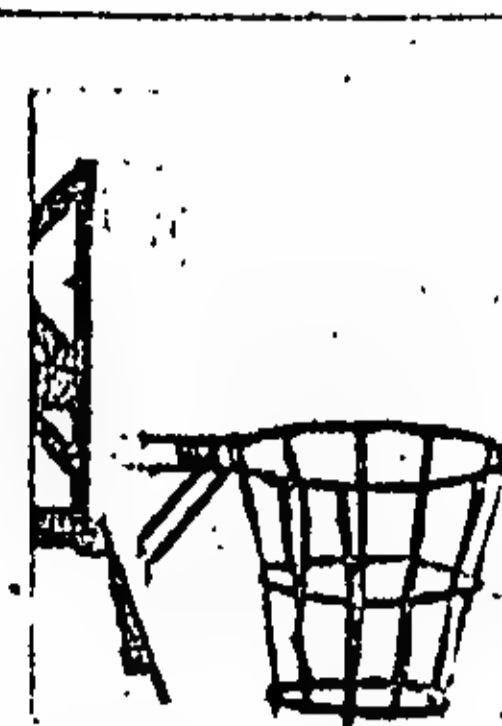
Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1941.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

# Around The Courses

## Country Club Return Match Against Kowloon G.C.



Action in the girls basketball match between Sing Tao and the Nan Sheung College of Business at the Chinese "Y", Waterloo Road, on Saturday. Sing Tao won 15-4.—Sun Ying-ming Studio.



## H.K.S.R.A. And M'sex Win Cross-Country Races

OVER A SIX MILES COURSE starting from the Polo ground, the Hongkong Area Sports Board held their annual cross-country run yesterday, and in the separate races for Indian and European troops, H.K.S.R.A. took first place in the first named, and Middlesex in the second.

Comparative best individual times were Indians 35 mins 30 secs and Europeans 37 mins 27 secs. The first 12 of the 15 runners counted in the team Championship, and the Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery took first place with an aggregate of 164 points.

Other units competing were the Rajputana Rifles, the Punjabis, the Mule Corps, and the Indian Army Service Corps.

The course was down Waterloo Road to the Rifle Ranges, and then back again to Boundary Street via La Salle College, terminating at the Polo ground.

### European Race

Pte Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for European units, clocking 37 mins 27 secs over the same course. Cpl Hobson and L/Cpl Dunne, both of Middlesex, were second and third, respectively. Hobson's time being 37.31, Cpl Frusconi and Signa Lihauer, both of Signals, were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Middlesex won the team event, 12 runners of 15 reaching home in the following order: Cpl Hobson (24), Pte Dunne (3), Pte Coomer (6), Dnr Merton (7), Pte Hughes (6), Pte Sturges (10), Dnr Onslow (13), P. S. M. Uro (10), Pte Henderson (18), Pte Macey (24), Pte Baker (20), Pte Robertson (27), totalling 101 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units finishing in their respective order were Combined Small Units, Royal Engineers (European and Chinese Sappers), and Royal Artillery. Mrs McLeod, wife of Brigadier General McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

### Queen's College Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 15, on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

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## Probably At Sheungshui On March 29: Care Of Clubs During Rain

(By "Birdie")

THE RETURN MATCH between the Country Club and the Kowloon Golf Club will, in all probabilities, be held at Sheungshui on March 29. Though the first match was played on the New Territories course, March 29 is the only date available for the return match, and, unfortunately, the morning of that date is the time when the Kowloon Rifle Ranges will be in use.

Rather than confine the match to an afternoon, therefore, it is proposed and will doubtless be accepted that the game be held again at the Country Club.

Kowloon won the first match, though the result was something of a side issue, but the Country Club hope to reverse the result at the end of this month.

By that time, that is the end of the month, all the rain that is to fall should have fallen. Courses at the moment are very sodden, and the cure of one's clubs is a point for players to remember. In this respect, the woods call for the greater attention. Irons, these days, are rustless, but the effect of water on the woods can be quite disastrous.

Caddies or the caddy master usually wipe one's clubs over with oil at the end of a game, but their attention is generally confined to the irons. Linseed oil, the same as is used in the preservation of cricket bats, is of incalculable value when it comes to the woods.

Too much, of course, increases the weight of the clubhead, but it is hardly sufficient to seriously damage one's swing.

OVER the week-end, A. A. Lopes entered the semi-final of the Country Club Championship when he beat C. H. T. Suen 3 and 1.

This week-end, the first round matches of the Mixed Foursomes will be played. The draw was made recently and resulted as follows:

First Round—Miss M. C. Churn and J. B. Mackie v. Mr and Mrs K. T. Oel.

Byes—Miss Oel and M. F. Pinna; Miss M. B. Churn and A. W. Ramsey; Miss A. Sequiera and A. R. Pinna; Miss C. Maxwell and A. T. Lee v.

Mrs B. Botelho and C. H. T. Suen; Mrs C. Remedios and A. A. Lopes. First Round—Mrs Leo D'Almada Jr. and H. A. Alves v. Miss A. Williams and T. Y. C. Lee.

WAR conditions at home are certainly bringing into force a new crop of local rules. Two of the latest which were framed to meet enemy interference, with the game, and from which it appears that a player who continues during an air-raid takes the risk of more than bodily injury, are "In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing to play."

"A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb or shell or by machinegun fire may play another ball from the same place. Penalty One stroke."

It was reported that a Yorkshire bowler "fan" was persuaded to try his hand at golf. When asked after the game how he liked it, he replied: "I'll never last."

"Last?" his friends exclaimed in surprise. "Why, there are golf courses all over the country." "I don't care," commented the bowler expert. "It can't last. Why, when I was at fourth hole 'other day I was a mile and a half from 'bar'."

### Fanling Hunt To-day

The meet of the Fanling Hunt to-day will be at the Sheungshui cross-roads. The meet on Sunday will be at the Hunters' Arms, and Mr H. C. Macnamara will be "At Home."

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The King and Queen were accompanied by Lord Woolton, Food Minister, and Mr. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C. The tour began while an air-raid warning was in force.

## Cost Of Living Rising Steadily

Readers may recall that the cost of living in Hongkong in August last was stated officially to be \$2 per head per week. In January, this figure had risen to \$2.33; and last month's official figure is now given as \$2.47 per head per week. These figures only cover the cost of food and fuel. In an interval of six months, third grade rice has risen from 9.5 cents to 13 cents per catty and firewood from 2.3 to 3.5 cents per catty.

The Medical Authorities give a round figure of a catty of rice and three-quarters of a catty of firewood per person per day as the average consumption; hence, for rice and firewood alone (without any "sugar") the average person has to pay \$2.2 cents more per week than he did for the corresponding quantities of rice and firewood in August last—or to be content with proportionately less.

This figure may seem unimportant to the more fortunate, but this is far from being the case with families where three, four or even more persons share in the weekly budget and live in or below the poverty line.

## Latest Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,593,020.01 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

"Kin Ore"	\$ 50
Mr and Mrs A. Macintyre (in memory of a good friend, the late Mrs W. Hedley)	10
Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation)	7.41
No. 135	5
European Health Inspectors, C.D.O. (fifth donation)	23
Headquarters, No. 27 Company, R.A.M.C. (fifth donation)	140
"Galoshes"	5
Hongkong Philatelic Society (proceeds of "First Day Cover" Service)	35.03
Cheero Club (sale of old tins, etc.)	5
No. 2 Police Station Mess (seventh donation)	50
Police Club Boundary Street (third donation)	10
P. R. Pay-O. H. (February)	5
Beique Winnings per F. M. (monthly donation)	5
Kowloon Hospital Sisters' Mess (eight donation)	74
Mr D. Kosalek (sundry foreign coins)	3.32
Loving Remembrance of "Little Mother"	5

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## LIBYAN WAR HONOURS

Naval, Land & Air Chiefs Decorated

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham have been made Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and Major-General Richard Nugent O'Connor becomes Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, states to-night's "London Gazette."

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

All the honours awarded are "in recognition of the recent successful combined operations in the Middle East."

Admiral Cunningham was engaged in much of the work of preparation for the Middle East operations.

Air Commodore Raymond Collingwood becomes Commander of the Bath; Lieut-Gen. Wilson becomes Knight of the Grand Cross (Military Division), of the Order of the British Empire, Knight Commander of the same Division are Major-General Boreford-Pearse, Colonel (Temporary Major General) O'Moore Creagh and Major General I. G. Mackay, of the Australian Imperial Force.

General Wavell is General Officer Commanding the Middle East, and Admiral Cunningham is C-in-C, Mediterranean Fleet. Major-General O'Connor was officer in charge of operations in the recent fighting. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore is Air Officer Commanding the Middle East.

More Sailors Sought By Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Legislation which would increase the United States Navy's enlisted personnel immediately to 232,000 and authorise the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence, was introduced by Mr Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Naval Affairs Committee.

The Bill would also authorise the President to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.

Italians In India

BOMBAY, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A further 6,700 Italian prisoners of war have been landed here in the last two days.

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## Mexico & America To Discuss Mutual Aid

Special to the "Telegraph"

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"In the conversations which are now making progress at Washington for the purpose indicated,—the representatives will study the manner of carrying out the collaboration, observing always with the greatest regard the principle of the national sovereignty of the two States."

The announcement said that the conversations were undertaken under the hemispheric defence accord reached last July "on the occasion of the second consultative meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics."

It stated that Mexico and the United States "agreed to exchange their views in order to co-ordinate suitably the progress of their common defence."

Porter Killed By Piece Of China

A China fragment was found in a lung of Patrick Henry Ahearne, it was stated at the inquest at Westminster. He was injured when he was house porter, was bombed recently. The coroner recorded a verdict of "Death due to enemy action."

Plebiscite Result

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is announced that the final result of the Rumanian plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy (says a German wireless message) was as follows: Yes—2,018,000; No—2,550.

## White House Interview

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).

President Roosevelt at a Press conference to-day said that the crisis now faced by the Government was in some ways far more serious for the future of the country than that eight years ago.

The President was beginning an unprecedented ninth year at the White House, the inauguration day being March 4 eight years ago.

The President added that the crisis now was of a different kind—being international instead of domestic.

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## Immigration Agent In Chungking

Chungking, Mar. 4.

The Hongkong Immigration Office has published an announcement in Chinese newspapers, stating that an office has been opened in Chungking where Chinese wishing to enter Hongkong may apply for landing permits.—Reuter.

The Immigration Officer at Hongkong Mr R. A. D. Forrest, said yesterday that his department had not opened and did not intend opening a branch office in Chungking. He pointed out that he had merely recognised an agent in Chungking for the Hongkong office.

Mr Forrest stressed the fact that he had only approved of an agent, and had not appointed one.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: A fair number of enquiries were made during the day, but offers were not sufficiently attractive to lead to any great exchange of shares.

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## Enormous Fleets In The Making

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cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost a cruiser, seven destroyers and at least 30 submarines. On the world's new capital ships construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships are of at least 35,000 tons while 20, if not more, are of 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

**U. S. Programme**  
The United States has 17 battleships building or on order and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 62,000 tons. Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

## BRITISH TAKE 10,000 PRISONERS

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by the Italian Government in Ethiopia and Somaliland.

These have been placed under military jurisdiction. In the course of the proclamation, General Cunningham warns that actions against public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or lesser penalties.

He concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the said territory will be fully respected so far as they are consistent with the proclamation. So long as the inhabitants remain peaceable and comply with my orders, they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear."

**Preparing For Stand?**

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—It is reported that the Italians at Keren are preparing for a long stand in the gorge of the dried-up River Anseba, between Keren and the key pass which the British seized last Saturday. It is thought that the heavy R.A.F. bombings forced the withdrawal towards Anseba where the Italian communication lines are shorter.

It is reported that between 300 and 400 miles of Italian Somaliland are now at the mercy of the British since it became known three days before they surrendered Mogadiscio, that the Italian Commander-in-Chief, the Governor and all troops which were no dispersed, fled without an attempt to establish defence positions.

## Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

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emigrate to and develop Oceania, at least."

**New Assurances**

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—Official Japanese circles announced to-day the Ambassador Shigenitsu has handed Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, a new Matsuoka note which is believed to contain fresh assurances that Japan does not intend to attack the British Empire anywhere. Afterwards, Mr Churchill and Mr Shigenitsu discussed for 25 minutes the Anglo-Japanese relations and the Far Eastern developments.

It is understood that the Ambassador informed the Prime Minister of the Indo China-Thailand proposals. Mr Shigenitsu told a Japanese journalist that the talk contributed further to the alleviation of Anglo-Japanese tension and he was of the opinion that the Pacific crisis seemed dispated. It is understood that the Ambassador expressed satisfaction to Mr Churchill of Mr Menzies' speech last Monday, and he also contended that the triple alliance was designed to prevent the spread of the war to the Far East.

## LATE NEWS

## RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

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Wilhelmstrasse official stated to-day that the "dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria was occasioned by evidence in Germany's possession of British plans in south-east Europe."

He added: "German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs. For such a task the troops must be suitably equipped, but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."

**Final Issue Unchanged**

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—"The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara wireless stated to-night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly. It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted."

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## Eire Wants Arms

DUBLIN, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Frank Aiken, the Eire Minister for Co-operation of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-morrow by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

but its success is regarded as even in Axis circles as extremely dubious. "Were the Axis partners, sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

**Von Papen Mission**

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was to-day received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, States the Ankara wireless. The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy."

"M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's estate at Chankaya, near Ankara."

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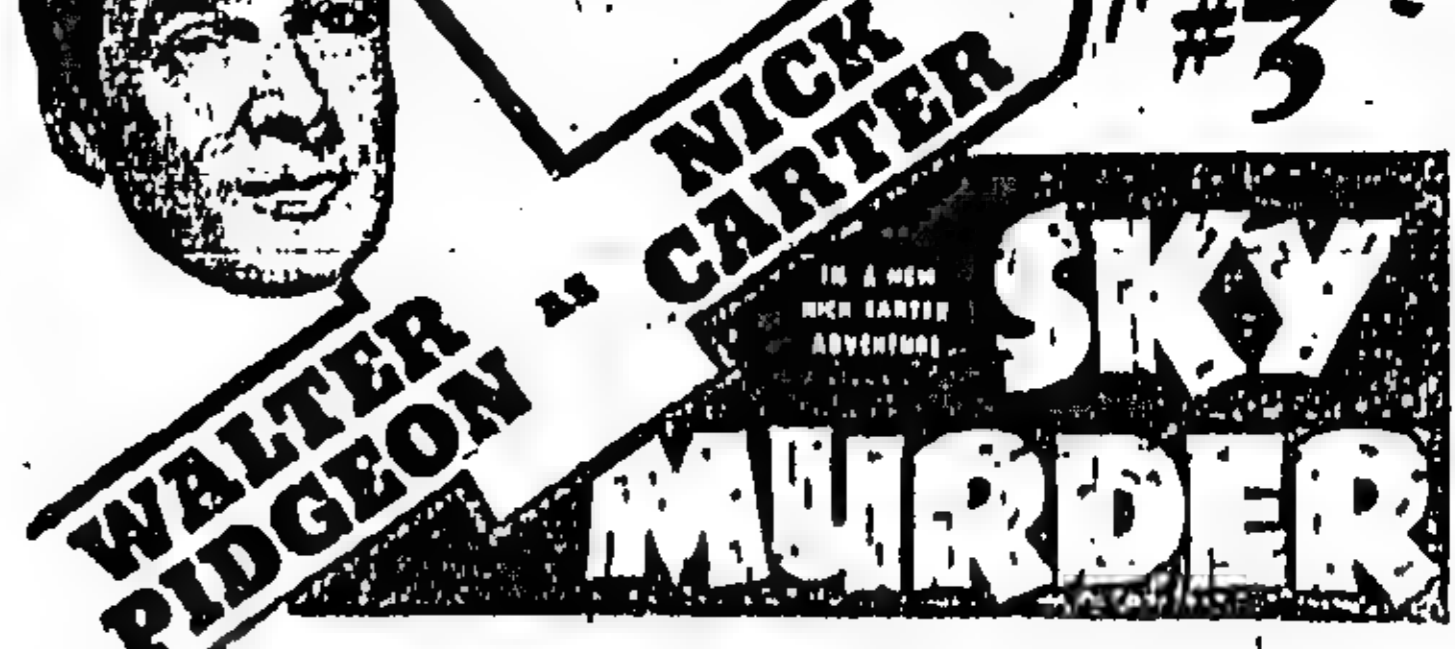
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# Greek - Italian Peace Believed Likely, But Italy Says "No"

**Special to the "Telegraph"**

**SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—**A high neutral diplomatic official told the "United Press" to-day that the Greeks can be expected to make peace.

King George and the present Government officials who are favourable to England may retire to Crete and continue their relations with the British while a new Government seeks peace.

## RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

**Britain Carries Out Threat To Bulgaria**

**LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—**The Berlin radio announced to-night that diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain had been severed. The British Minister, Mr. George W. Rendel is reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements can be made for his departure.

**Asks for Passport**

**SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—**It is unimpeachably reported that Mr. William Rendel the British Minister will ask Dr. Filof the Foreign Minister for his passport at 10 a.m. on Wednesday thereby severing Anglo-Bulgarian relations. Mr. Rendel announced his decision in the presence of a meeting of the Polish, Belgian, Greek and Dutch diplomats.

According to a highest Bulgarian source, the Bulgarian Foreign office advised the Polish and Dutch Ministers and the Dutch Charge d'Affaires that they may no longer continue their diplomatic missions in Bulgaria due to the situation created by the entry of the German troops.

A high Axis source said that a special German emissary is arriving at Ankara at 10 a.m. to-day carrying a personal message from Hitler to President Inonu, assuring the Turks that the Germans have no intention of attacking Turkey or the Dardanelles.

## Bold Raid Off Norway

**German Admission**

**LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—**Light British naval forces carried out a raid on an "unfortified" island off northern Norway on Tuesday morning, states the official German news agency.

"After a short bombardment, which destroyed several fishing boats, soldiers landed and took prisoner some Germans and some Norwegians."

The British vessels, it is stated, left Norwegian waters after a short stay. No official statement on this report from Berlin is so far available in London.

## French Expected To Sign Peace To-day

**Special to the "Telegraph"**

**SAIGON, Mar. 5 (UP).—**Japanese newspapers this morning generally predicted that a settlement to the Thai-Indo-China border dispute would be reached to-day as a result of Mr. Matsuo's interview with M. Arsene Henry last night.

Mr. Matsuo insisted that the final French reply must be received to-day (the "Asahi Shimbun" declared that the time limit was noon).

The papers reported that although M. Henry last night continued his bargaining efforts his acceptance of the Japanese plan in toto is believed

# GERMANY'S PROBABLE PLANS FOR ATTEMPTED BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN

**Special to the "Telegraph"**

**LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—**Air observers suggest that Germany may be preparing to employ the main weight of the Luftwaffe to support the submarine blockade, thus concentrating all resources during the coming months in starving Britain.

A survey of recent raids showed that the main attacks have been switched from the inland towns to the ports and shipping, mostly in southwest England and South Wales.

## 1,500 Italians Drowned

**When Transport Sunk**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**ATHENS, Mar. 4 (UP).—**The official spokesman declared to-day that 1,500 Italian soldiers from the 1st Alpine Division were drowned when the Italian transport Liguria was torpedoed and sunk several months ago.

This has been revealed by Italian prisoners who also said that another transport carrying mules and war materials for the 57th Regiment of the Legorno Division was also bombed and sank in a few minutes.

The spokesman described the situation on the war front as satisfactory. Greek infantry had been successful in all their missions and were destroying Italian machine-gun nests and collected useful information while taking prisoners.

Artillery had shelled Italian positions causing important damage.

## DEATH OF PROMINENT RESIDENT

**Mr John Lowrie**

The death occurred this morning at his flat in the P. and O. Building of Mr. John Lowrie, who was one time prominently identified with racing in Hongkong, and who was one of the best-known personalities of the Colony.

Mr. Lowrie, who was 70 years of age, had been in the employ of Messrs Mackinnon, Mackenzie for over 40 years and was still actively connected with this company at the time of his death.

An Ulsterman, the late Mr. Lowrie served originally with P. and O. ships at sea, but in later years was appointed to a shore position in Hongkong.

His great interest outside his work was pony racing. He was for many years a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club and owned the very successful Ulster stable.

Additionally Mr. Lowrie was a member of St. Patrick's Society, was prominently connected with the Sports Club for a great many years, and was also a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

It is expected that the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

## SWISS-SOVIET TRADE PACT

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**BASEL, Mar. 4 (UP).—**After 24 years of interruption the first Swiss-Russian commerce treaty has been concluded for one year's exchange of Soviet goods for Swiss machines and precision instruments.

The Russians will exchange goods, oil, grain, cotton and raw materials for use by the Swiss chemical industry to the value of 100,000,000 Swiss francs.

## Trawler Sunk

**LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—**The Admiralty announced to-day that the trawler Ouse of 800 tons has been sunk with some casualties.

It is felt that the Luftwaffe hopes thereby to concentrate its blows on a vulnerable point of Britain's armour by bombing ships and harbours, preventing loading and unloading, disorganizing the distribution of food, and reinforcing an intensified U-boat campaign.

**South Wales Raided**

**LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—**An attempted heavy German air raid on a South Wales town last night was foiled by fire-bomb fighters who dealt with the numerous incendiary bombs so promptly that after some hours of considerable enemy activity, no serious attack developed.

Flares and thousands of incendiaries were dropped but up to a late hour there were no important fires and no reports of high explosive bombs.

London had a slight attack, ending before midnight.

**Attack In Channel**

Anti-aircraft fire was augmented by the terrific fire of naval guns at a south coast town. The raiders were apparently attacking shipping in the Channel.

Two enemy machines were heard to be in difficulties and appeared to be dropping towards the sea.

During the day, air activity was small.

## More Strikes In America

**Defence Works Held Up**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**NEW YORK, Mar. 4 (UP).—**Two new defence strikes have developed. At the Curtiss Wright aircraft and propeller factory at Pittsburgh it is reported that the steel workers are organising a committee for picketing and have "seriously interfered with" over \$70,000,000 worth of defence orders.

Four hundred construction workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labour struck for the second time in a month halting work on the \$1,500,000 army aircraft laboratory at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, after which the War Department, for the first time in history, intervened in a labour dispute and ordered the Penner Corporation to resume the electrical installation work.

The American Federation of Labour union members are reported to be protesting over the Penner Corporation's use of workers who are affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organisation.

## Sentence Of Death

Ho Sung-het, 22, a salesman, was sentenced to death at Criminal Sessions at 1.45 p.m. to-day by the Chief Justice, Sir Adolph MacGregor.

Prisoner had been found guilty after nearly an hour's retirement by the jury, of the death of Woo Tong-chiu, 29, a fellow worker in the godown of the Chung Wah Book Company at No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar on December 5.

Another employee, Wong Sun-ka was also found dead in the premises. During the trial which has spread over three days, the prosecution maintained that accused had used a chopper on Woo who had terrible injuries. Prisoner gave evidence purporting to establish an alibi.

## Prince Paul's Movements

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**BELOGRADE, Mar. 4 (UP).—**Despite official denials, rumours persist that Prince Paul may meet some German representative somewhere shortly. Prince Paul has gone to his estate in Slovenia not far from the German frontier, and the latest rumours are that von Ribbentrop and Count Ciano will visit him there.



## Sidi Barrani War Ruins

Before General Wavell's triumphant troops entered Sidi Barrani, one-time Italian stronghold on the north Africa coast, the port was reduced to ruins by the "terrible" bombardments of British land and sea guns. This picture, taken after the capture of Sidi Barrani shows what was left of Italian barracks after a naval pounding.

## Daring Kidnapping Affair Carried Out In Shanghai

**Special to the "Telegraph"**

**SHANGHAI, Mar. 4 (UP).—**Five Chinese, three of whom were armed, to-day kidnapped Dr. Hsu Well-sing, American educated and President of the Second Higher District Court which is controlled by Chungking.

The kidnappers are believed to be pro-Wang Ching-wel elements in view of the fact that Hsu headed a Chungking-controlled Court in French Concession; however, after the French had handed over this court to the Wang Ching-wel regime, Hsu and other judges moved into the International Settlement where they re-opened their court.

Dr. Hsu was returning home together with his wife when kidnapped. He had alighted from his car and had entered his apartment in French Concession when the kidnappers pushed him back into the car and drove off, using their own cars as well as Dr. Hsu's, having pushed out his wife and chauffeur.

## Vague Nazi Press Threat To Turkey

**Special to the "Telegraph"**

**BERLIN, Mar. 4 (UP).—**Although official confirmation of Hitler's message to President Inonu of Turkey is still unavailable, the evening newspaper "Nachtausgabe," under the caption "The British retreat from Europe to the Near East" significantly said, that Britain, even there could be "attacked by the same political means" that Germany used in Rumania and Bulgaria.

Authorised German quarters, commenting on the statement made by M. Vishinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissioner, declared that the attitude of the Soviet Union was understandable.

However, the paper added, "simultaneously they must have understood that Germany can in no wise tolerate any restrictions on the measures it deemed necessary to take to defeat Britain. Our policy in the south-east of Europe is based on our will to create a sure and permanent peace in the southeast, and secondly, our determination to prosecute the war against Britain in the Fuehrer's own words, 'to strike Britain wherever we encounter it.'"

## Japanese Land At Pakhoi

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**PAKHOI, Kwangtung, Mar. 5 (Domel).—**Japanese army units, working in co-operation with the navy, landed at Pakhoi, at dawn on Monday, according to an official military statement.

Disembarkation was completed after an hour and a half. This operation is understood to be aimed at intercepting the remaining supply route of the Chungking regime.

The landing was carried out by three columns of troops, and it is claimed that within half a day the Pakhoi area was cleared of Chinese troops.

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## JAPANESE FIRMS IN BAD WAY

**Effect Of Latest Indo-China Order**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**HANOI, Mar. 5 (Domel).—**There is every indication that Japanese firms in French Indo-China will be forced to close down on account of the new Government law requiring all importers to apply for an import licence and to become members of the newly-organised and semi-official import association.

Japanese firms such as the Mitsui Bussan and the Taiwan Development Companies have applied for membership, but it appears doubtful whether their application will be granted in view of the fact that the new law specifically provides that firms applying for membership must be bona fide French business firms established here before September 1, 1939.

Although Japanese business circles are at present adopting a "wait and see" attitude, many believe that they will be forced to close to business unless the new law is changed.

## President Ship's Achievement

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**NEW YORK, Mar. 4 (UP).—**The American President liner, President Hayes, which went aground in Buzzards Bay will be placed in dry-dock and repaired prior to resuming her maiden voyage around the world.

Statistics show that the President Jackson, now engaged in her second round-the-world trip, during her first voyage cut the time by 30 days and reduced the fuel consumption by 50 per cent, compared with the former type of ship used on that run.

## Japanese Navy Said To Be On The Move

**Special to the "Telegraph"**

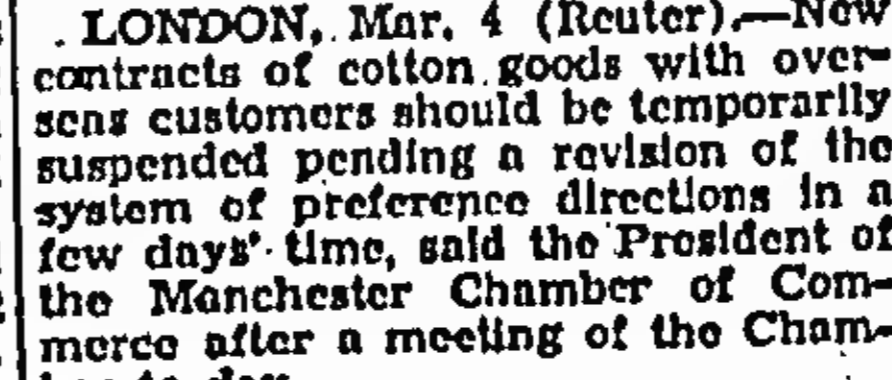
**SHANGHAI, Mar. 5 (UP).—**The Foochow correspondent of the pro-Chungking newspaper "Shun Pao" reports that 100 Japanese warships reached the Fukien coast on Monday and Tuesday, and some of them continued southward.

The correspondent declared that there were indications that Japanese navy was starting the southward push.

Other Chinese press reports state that 13 Japanese warships were seen moving southward along the Chekiang coast on Monday and that ships arrived in the vicinity of Chinghai on Monday morning, but sailed in the afternoon towards Chouan Island.



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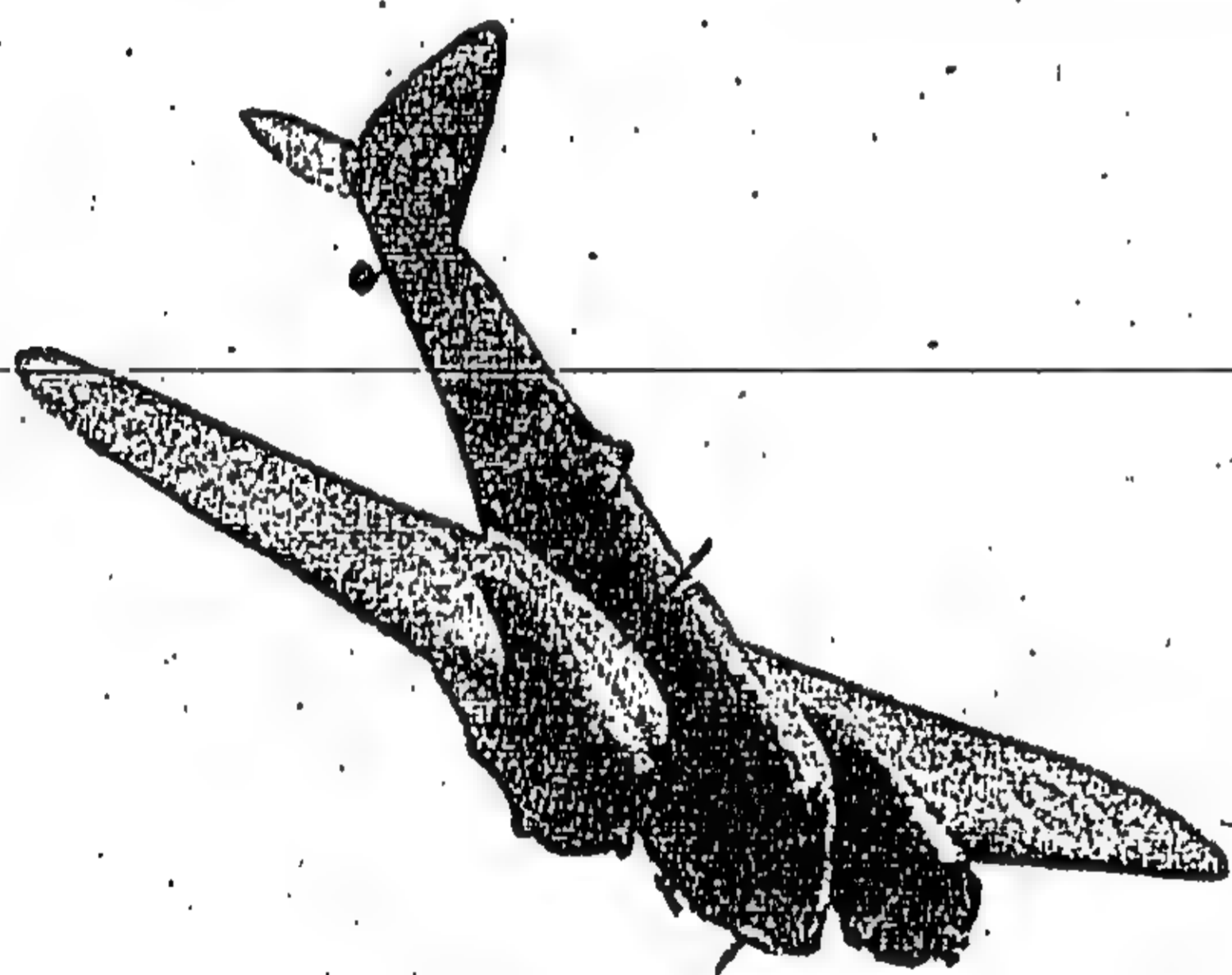
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## NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

HONGKONG'S calmness in the face of the Far Eastern crisis which has arisen just lately has been so striking as to warrant the suspicion that the reaction is caused more by indifference and smug complacency than as the result of any deliberate and objective appraisal of the portends. Possibly too, there has been so much cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" during the past 18 months that the populace has become suspicious and disbelieving. It is not with the intention of causing disquiet and fear that attention is drawn to the political significance of the Japanese manoeuvres in Kwangtung, Hainan, Formosa, Indo-China and Thailand, but it does seem vitally necessary that Hongkong, and especially the huge Chinese population here should be alive to the possibilities.

The popular belief heard expressed in the Colony to-day is that Hongkong will never be attacked; in these times, when events move with such rapidity and changes in the international situation are effected overnight, this is a dangerous assumption. Rather should the Chinese masses here be encouraged to treat the situation with serious suspicion and ask themselves, "In the event of Hongkong being attacked, what am I going to do?" The question is of vital importance both to the welfare and safety of the people and to the successful defence of the Colony against any such attack.

It is fully recognised that the biggest problem which will confront the authorities in the event of an attack on Hongkong is proper control of the tens of thousands of Chinese, not only who are already resident on the Island, but those who will endeavour to flock across the harbour. It will be an immense, perhaps impossible task to prevent chaos. The official mind is probably grappling with the problem at the moment, although the solution at first sight does not appear to be an easy one.

In this connection it would seem that the Chinese community leaders might help. Earnest inquiry into the possibilities of finding a scheme whereby considerable numbers of Chinese in the Colony could be transferred to other and relatively safer areas before the danger of attack is imminent may well produce a practical plan. Alternatively these gentlemen could actively co-operate with Government by urging the Chinese populace to take advantage of any mooted official scheme.

A stampede out of Hongkong at this stage would certainly be preferable to the panic which would inevitably result from any assault on this Colony.

## RIDDLES OF 1941

From NEW YORK.

ONE of the great questions of 1941 is whether Japan will honour her obligations to the Axis.

Will she involve herself in war with Britain and the United States as soon as the extent and nature of American aid to Britain is held by Germany to constitute an act of war?

Japan's decision must depend upon three factors: Russia, the extent of American aid to China, and the success of the Japanese military Fascists in converting Japan into a National Socialist State.

Germany might have succeeded in her recent efforts to bring about peace between China and Japan had it not been for the prompt action of the United States in extending new credits to China and promising her arms and aeroplanes while banning exports of scrap iron to Japan.

## Help For China

Chiang Kai-shek was thereby given an assurance that henceforth American aid would be substantial and American opposition to Japanese aggression expressed in deeds instead of only in words.

It is of great significance that Roosevelt in his most recent speeches has included China with Britain and Greece as the nations on whose success in resisting aggression the United States safety depends, and for whom the United States will become an arsenal.

The prospect of real aid from America, and of a complete American embargo on the export of war material to Japan must strengthen the hands of Chiang Kai-shek and all Chinese patriots as against those who are inclined to compromise with Japan and conclude a peace enabling Japan to limit her commitments in China in order to attack the British Empire.

## Embargo Failure

However, the United States is still supplying Japan with large quantities of materials, presumably in the hope that by gentle handling Japan can be kept from entering the war against England.

Unfortunately, although this policy may have something to be said for it politically, it has enabled Japan to lay in large stores of essential war materials and to make it less likely than it was a year or two ago that a complete embargo would halt Japanese aggression.

Moreover, the failure to impose an embargo not only disheartened the Chinese, but has deprived the United States of vital materials and machines.

Lack of these is to-day holding up part of the American arms production programme.

## And Russia?

The accumulation of reserves in Japan may now be sufficient to enable her to risk a war with Britain and America if once she is convinced that her aid is all that

is needed to enable Germany to win a quick victory.

She would then, doubtless, attempt to cut off Singapore by occupying Indo-China and Siam or move against the Dutch East Indies.

However, it is difficult to conceive of Japan implementing her promises to the Axis unless the "China Incident" can be liquidated, and unless she can secure her rear by a pact with the U.S.S.R.

Nineteen-forty-one will show whether Russia will be forced or lured into such a pact by German pressure.

The concentration of German troops in Rumania may conceivably have precisely this end in view.

Stalin dare not fight Germany on account of the economic, military and political weaknesses of his regime.

He is likely to come to terms with Tokyo if pressed sufficiently hard by Hitler. But Hitler may not be convinced that Japan will dare to involve herself in war with the United States, at least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

He may therefore not yet be exercising real pressure on Stalin.

It must also be remembered that it is to Stalin's advantage, as well as to Hitler's, to see Japanese aggression diverted southwards.

## She May...

Russia cannot afford to let Japan become master of all China, but might be glad to see a compromise peace enabling Japan to withdraw a large part of her army from China and emboldening her to take the incalculable risks of war with the British Empire and the United States.

If American and British support of China prevents such a peace, Stalin could serve Hitler's interests and perhaps see his own advantage in ordering the Chinese Communists to withdraw their support from the Generalissimo and form a Chi-

Third Article—by Freda Utley

# What will happen in the Far East?



"Should Japan enter the war against England, the United States would almost certainly fight her."

nese Soviet Republic in the North-West.

Should such an order be given by Moscow and obeyed by the Communists, Chiang might be forced by a majority of Kuomintang leaders to accept Germany's offer to mediate peace with Japan.

China's decision would then necessarily depend upon how much aid Britain and America give.

## China's Communists

Chiang's awareness of the uncertainty of Russian aid and of the dangerous possibility of a Russo-Japanese understanding is shown by his recent measures to hem in the Chinese Communists and the Eighth Route Army in the north-west, by encircling them with 200,000 troops, thus leaving them no outlet except through Japanese-held Shansi.

Tension between the Communists and the Chinese Government has never been as great as now.

Japan is unlikely to defy America unless her Fascists can institute a totalitarian economy and social system on the Nazi model in place of the present semi-feudal, semi-"capitalist" set-up.

## Great Obstacle

The great obstacle is the position of the Emperor as the "Divine" Leader of the nation. On account of this Japan is experiencing the same difficulty in going Nazi as she formerly experienced in trying to become a democracy.

Hence the efforts of the Fascists to deprive the Emperor of his temporal power and seclude him as a powerless god like his ancestors before the Restoration. Up to date those big business interests, to whose side the Em-

peror leans, and who are desperately anxious not to let Japan involve herself in a war which would destroy them, have retained sufficient political power to prevent Japan implementing her promise to the Axis.

British successes and American aid to China strengthen their hands, but British reverses or indications that the United States will do everything to avoid war in the Pacific would probably enable the military and naval extremists to put Japan into the war as Germany's ally.

The Far Eastern war in 1941 must coincide with the European war and Britain, willy nilly, must become the ally of China whose war against aggression was for so long regarded with indifference by many Englishmen.

## Facts To Face

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the fate of Britain's Asiatic Empire depends on China, who for so long has battled alone. Indeed, the fate of England herself must be vitally affected by the steadfastness of the Chinese in rejecting all German offers to save a good part of their country from Japan if only they will make peace.

Should Japan enter the war against England the United States will almost certainly fight her, to the great advantage of Germany in the short run.

In the long run the impetus given to American arms production by involvement in the war might outweigh the advantage to Germany of securing the Japanese Navy against England.

War against Japan would probably be less unpopular in America than a declaration of war against Germany, since there are no minorities here in sympathy with Japan.

Anglo-Indian relations are also a vital factor. Should we have the courage and wisdom to promise India freedom and treat her as an ally, her vast material, moral, and man-power resources could be mobilised to save the East from totalitarian tyranny. Nothing would do more to convince doubting Americans of what we are fighting for than an abandonment of Imperialist domination of India.

## TO-MORROW

the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, discusses in an interview with Maurice Webb the question, "Will Our Blockade Win?"

# Mussolini's London Flop

By Hannen Swaffer

HOW long will Mussolini survive as the Dictator of Italy?

When will the Royal Family, the heads of the Army and the depressed workers join in a revolt?

Never so quickly, in the hour of test, was the reputation of a world figure so suddenly shattered.

I REMEMBER an Italian head waiter whose leg I frequently pulled with the words, "How's your fat friend?"

He would walk away pained and then, returning time after time, recite this monologue:—

"When I come to London they say: 'Ah, dago, hokey-pokey, organ-grinder.'"

"They ask me, 'Where's your monkey?' and laugh."

"Now, Italia great! Mussolini stop the hokey-pokey, say 'No monkey.'"

"Mussolini great man. Evvi-va Italia!"

The head waiter is interned.

is mightier than the sword, Mussolini's power with the latter is unquestioned. Readers will be anxious to test his skill with the former.

Yet it was not till his brutal assault on little Greece that Mussolini's power with the sword was tested.

He had better go back to writing novels!

DO you remember how, in April, 1932, Mussolini's only play, written with Forzani, was produced in London?

He called it "Napoleon, the Hundred Days."

Sydney Carroll, the manager, and John Drinkwater, who adapted it, received from the King of Italy, no doubt because Mussolini ordered it, the degrees of Knight Commander of the Crown of Italy; Robert Atkins, who played Napoleon, and Arthur Wontner, who was Fouché, received a Knighthood in the same order.

Yet the play ran for less than a month!

I WROTE, as my criticism, an open letter, addressed, "Dear Duce," and beginning:

"As in Italy your critics are sent away to mysterious islands, and then—"

"The pen sometimes never heard of again, it is over the income-tax on Musso's fees!"

from England that I am writing this, my opinion of your play, I feel quite safe here.

"The Italian headwaiters present all came out looking as if they liked it. The Belgian, Italian and German Ambassadors smiled, diplomatically."

"All the would-be Mussolinis present—there were at least ten of them—looked very Napoleonic."

AFTER a caustic criticism of the play, I concluded:

"Frankly, Mussolini, why do you see in Napoleon only a conqueror in who was betrayed? Why must we see history as a pageant of men of might and pomp?"

"We saw nothing of his millions of victims—the victims of power and majesty and dominion over suffering men and stricken women. Put that in your next play!"

NOT even as a dramatist did Mussolini have all his own way.

He was dictator in Italy—but every adaptor altered his play in a different way in every country in which it was produced.

Paris cut out Wellington and all the English and German officers. Weimar cut out Wellington and the English—but left in the Germans. London made cuts.

Forzani must have got tired of calling on his fellow-author and saying: "Master, they've altered your play again!"

ALL the Society nobles of London went along and praised the play—but the sequel was a sordid row about the income-tax on Musso's fees!

# CHINESE COMMUNISTS TONE DOWN DEMANDS TO THE CHUNGKING GOVT.

By F. M. FISHER  
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—The absence of all seven Communist members of the National People's Political Council from the first few meetings of the current session, while reflecting serious political differences between the Kuomintang and the Communists, does not necessarily mean an open break leading to civil strife in the opinion of informed neutrals in Chungking.

The present abstention of the Communists from the Council is felt here as indicating that the long continued mutual efforts to reconcile political and other differences have not yet been successful, although some progress in this direction has already been made.

## Changsha Bombed, Landings On S. Kwangtung Coast

CHANGSHA, March 4 (Central News).—After a long respite, 30 Japanese planes staged a raid over Changsha yesterday morning. They were greeted by thunderous Chinese anti-aircraft fire and were forced to break formation. After unloading their bombs haphazardly, they flew away in a northerly direction. Damage caused by the raid is understood to be slight.

Fifty-six Japanese planes in several squadrons raided Yushan and other towns in Kiangsi yesterday.

### Kwangtung Landings

CHUNGKING, March 4 (Central News).—Military advisers from Kwangtung indicate that heavy fighting has flared up on the Toisan and Yeungkong coast as a result of Japanese landing there.

Early on Monday morning five Japanese warships and 50 rubber boats with about 1,000 Japanese aboard, arrived off the coast at Kwangtung, south-west of Toisan. Under the protective bombardment of eight planes the Japanese forced a landing and pushed toward Toisan, meeting with strong Chinese resistance.

On Monday night Japanese troops from Sunwui in a number of motor boats landed at Taino and headed for Shachung.

Under a protective barrage laid by their naval guns units of Japanese troops tried to land at Paktsunkong in the district of Yeungkong this morning.

## INDIAN AIR FORCE UNITS

### Boys' Prospects

DELHI, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—"How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force was shown to me when I visited the school of Air Force technical training at Ambulda," writes Reuter's special correspondent. "There are several hundred airmen under training, including all castes and creeds. The school covers an extraordinarily large variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted."

"The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanics, night riggers, carpenters, electricians, wireless operators, photographers and many others, lasts for six months after which the man qualifies and goes into a unit."

**Promotion Hopes**  
"Owing to the rapidity of expansion of the Indian Air Force, the prospects are the best in the world. It is being realized that expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peace time."

"I visited several workshops where tuition is proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in their work, I felt that my guide spoke truly when he spontaneously paid tribute to the lads, saying that they were as keen as mustard."

## QUO TAI-CHI SEES MENZIES

LONDON, March 4 (Central News).—Mr Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St James's today called on Mr. P. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, and had a friendly exchange of views on the Pacific situation and other questions affecting the mutual interests of China and Australia.

The question of the exchange of diplomatic missions between China and Australia was also discussed. Australian circles believe that Mr Menzies is anxious that such an exchange should take place soon.

**Speech Contradict**  
Interviewed after his talk with Mr Menzies, Mr Quo said that the speech made by Mr Menzies to the Foreign Press Association yesterday should not be interpreted as indicating that Australia is prepared to give way to force or to knuckle under to an aggression, though she is anxious to preserve peace in the Pacific, make friends and continue to seek friendship with Australia's neighbours. He was so convinced in view of the active defence measures in Malaya and the Pacific recently undertaken by Australia, and particularly after his exchange of views with Mr Menzies.

### Chungking Posts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—General Ho Kuo-ting was sworn in this morning as Commander of the National Gendarmerie and concurrently Deputy Garrison Commander of Chungking. Simultaneously, General Chiang Cheng assumed his office as Vice-Commander of the Gendarmerie and concurrently Dean of the Gendarmerie School.

## Enormous Fleets In The Making

Latest Revelations By "Jane's"

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—Striking evidence of the ever-growing naval expansion of the Great Powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship and secrecy, the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleships, King George V, in which Lord Halifax went to America; plans of the new German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz; and details of powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets. A war loss section, included for the first time since 1919, gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

**Britain's Losses**  
Britain's losses of big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small ships, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace. Britain had also lost 36 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled. Germany's fleet is reduced by one pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, four cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost at least 30 submarines, destroyers and at least 30 capital ships. On the world's new capital ships construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships are of at least 35,000 tons while 20, if not more, are of 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

**U. S. Programme**  
The United States has 17 battleships building or on order and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels, to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

## Medical Offence Alleged

### Woman Faces Charge

A 35-year old Chinese woman named Wong Yuet-wan, appeared before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning charged with being an unregistered medical practitioner and with the possession of poisons at Room No. 11 Ho Tung Building, Queen's Road Central, on March 3 and 4. Wong was alleged to have treated people for gain and to have had in her possession eight ampoules of hypophosphite and one bottle of liquid extract of ergot.

At the request of Sub-Inspector Goodwin, Defendant was remanded for a week for the Government analyst's report. Bail in \$500 was allowed.

Both sides have grievances. However, Government authorities, saying they are unwilling to aggravate the delicate situation, indicate that it is not permissible to enumerate or discuss the arguments advanced by either side just now.

**Twelve Demands**  
Following the disbandment of the new Fourth Army, the Communists published a list of 12 demands asking for the reinstatement of the new Fourth Army and the release of its Commander, General Yeh Ting; seeking legal recognition of the Communist Party; asking for the punishment of the Central Army Commanders involved in the disbandment of the new Fourth; requesting that an end be put to the one-Party rule and demanding the inauguration of a constitution.

The Government is viewing the matter as non-political and as being merely a question of military discipline. Apparently it could not agree with these demands from a minor political party. However, conversations and negotiations have proceeded in which both parties gave evidence of a willingness to make some concessions.

This was the position when the approach of the Council session made the question more important. The Communist's demands had not been advanced as conditions for attending the Council but they made it known that they would not attend with the question still completely unsolved.

**Special Committee**  
It is authoritatively stated that certain northern Kuomintang members approached Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek suggesting that the Council appoint a special committee designated to consider the friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists to which the Generalissimo agreed.

Upon the suggestion by non-Kuomintang members, the Generalissimo approved that one Communist member be elected to the presidium of the Council provided the Communists would attend the sessions. Meanwhile, the opening date of the session arrived and the meeting was held without the presence of the Communists.

It was nearly midnight of the first day of the session that the Communist representatives at Chungking received authorisation from Yenching to advance a greatly modified form of the 12-conditions under which they could attend the Council. The modified list excluded three of the previous demands which the Government had said were quite inadmissible. The modified list was presented directly to the Secretary General of the Council on Sunday.

Government circles say the contents of the 12 conditions constitute matters over which the Council has no authority, and official and authoritative circles say that the Council members do not wish to create a precedent by which any party can dictate the conditions of attendance. The possibility of further mutual adjustment is apparently not excluded since it is understood that both sides are indicating a willingness to make some concessions. Some circles are optimistic that an eventual compromise may be reached, even if it comes after the present session of the Council has terminated.

## KING GIVES AUDIENCES

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The King gave audience to-day to three important statesmen.

The first was General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement. It was the first time that His Majesty had received General de Gaulle, though he met the French leader when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

The second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Colonel W. J. Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr Winston Churchill.

## Japanese Envoy Flies To Iran

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Domei).—Mr Kikotaro Ichikawa, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Iran, will leave Tokyo on March 7 on an eight-day air journey to reach his post. This is the first time that a Japanese diplomat is proceeding to his post by air.

Travel by sea from Japan to Iran has been practically cut off. The land course through Soviet Russia to Iran is still open but Mr Ichikawa has decided on an aerial schedule from Tokyo to Tbilisi, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Baghdad and Teheran, a course of 8,000 miles.

## Soviet Rebuke To Sofia Reveals Her Anxiety

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The important statement broadcast from Moscow in regard to the German occupation of Bulgaria has given rise to much comment in diplomatic quarters in London, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

There is nothing, however, to suggest that it means more than it says, namely that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to preservation of peace.

Consequently, the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, re-affirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

The significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

**Underlying Motive**  
More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned. It is clear that opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

By implication, blame for the spread of the conflict has been put on Germany's shoulders, as the statement clearly implies that the occupation of Bulgaria is to extend the operations.

## ALBANIA

### New Bomber Type Shot Down

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—Five enemy aircraft were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area yesterday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The communique states: "Greece and Albania: A small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu yesterday intercepted a squadron of bombers, Italian Caproni 107 (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot down two of them into the sea. A few minutes later, the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type of bombers which were returning from the raid on Larissa. Three of these enemy aircraft were also shot down."

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepelini area."

### Artillery In Action

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—Intense artillery action on the Albanian front is reported by the Athens radio to-night. An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.

## Foreign Exchange

LONDON, March 4 (Central News).—Commenting upon the announcement that under instructions of the Ministry of Finance the Central Bank of China will resume buying and selling of foreign exchange, "The Times" City Editor wrote that no confirmation or explanation had been received in eastern banking circles in London.

"In view of the recent credits granted to China by Britain and the United States," he added, "it is possible that the Chinese Government are now able to provide exchange on a freer basis than formerly and to put their financing on a less essentially barter basis. The official rate is 4½d. as against the market price of 3½d. and the statement that exchange can be made available at the official rate may relate to overseas business conducted by various government agencies. The action of the government may have been prompted by political considerations."

## French Passive Resistance

**Laval Fears Murder**  
LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—New York papers publish eye-witness accounts of Americans returning from Europe of the growing resistance to the Nazis in France.

William Mock, a student, declared, "agitation against the Germans and Frenchmen collaborating with them is steadily growing. The French put up signs for de Gaulle, Marshal Pétain and President Roosevelt, and the Nazis tear them down."

"Ninety per cent of the French people believe that England will win."



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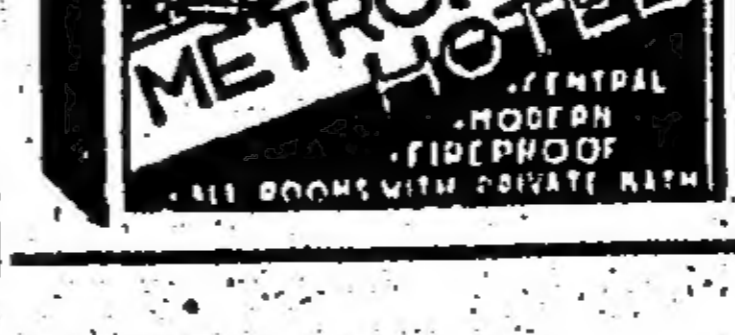
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## Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

### New Far East Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr Churchill to-night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

Mr Shigemitsu handed Mr Churchill a communication from Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr Matsuoka has now sent his response to Mr Churchill's observations.

The conversations to-day were, therefore, continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.

#### Oceania Speech

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, last week, wherein he was reported as stating that "the white races must recede Oceania to the Asiatics" has provoked a long statement from the "Domei" news agency.

The agency says that the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr Matsuoka's speech. It also says that Mr Matsuoka's actual words were "it is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races the chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania, at least."

#### New Assurances

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—Official Japanese circles announced to-day the Ambassador Shigemitsu has handed Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, a new Matsuoka note which is believed to contain fresh assurances that Japan does not intend to attack the British Empire anywhere. Afterwards, Mr Churchill and Mr Shigemitsu discussed for 25 minutes the Anglo-Japanese relations and the Far Eastern developments.

It is understood that the Ambassador informed the Prime Minister of the Indo-China-Thailand proposals. Mr Shigemitsu told a Japanese journalist that the talk contributed further to the alleviation of Anglo-Japanese tension and he was of the opinion that the Pacific crisis seemed dissipated. It is understood that the Ambassador expressed satisfaction to Mr Churchill of Mr Menzies' speech last Monday, and he also contended that the triple alliance was designed to prevent the spread of the war to the Far East.

## Gen. Smuts Visits War Front

### Arrival In Kenya

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Smuts, who arrived here to-day, was met by Lieut-Gen. Alan Cunningham, General Officer Commanding the Italian Somaliland front, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival.

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## LIBYAN WAR HONOURS

### Naval, Land & Air Chiefs Decorated

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham have been made Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and Major-General Richard Nugent O'Connor becomes Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, states to-night's "London Gazette."

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

All the honours awarded are "in recognition of the recent successful combined operations in the Middle East."

Admiral Cunningham was engaged in much of the work of preparation for the Middle East operations.

Air Commodore Raymond Collingwood becomes Commander of the Bath; Lieut-Gen. Wilson becomes Knight of the Grand Cross (Military Division), of the Order of the British Empire. Knight Commanders of the same Division are Major-General Beresford-Pearse, Colonel (temporary Major General) O'Moore Creagh and Major General I. G. Mackay, of the Australian Imperial Force.

General Wavell is General Officer Commanding the Middle East and Admiral Cunningham is C-in-C, Mediterranean Fleet. Major-General O'Connor was officer in charge of operations in the recent fighting. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore is Air Officer Commanding the Middle East.

## More Sailors Sought By Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Legislation which would increase the United States Navy's enlisted personnel immediately to 232,000 and authorise the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence, was introduced by Mr Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Naval Affairs Committee.

The Bill would also authorise the President to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.

#### Italians In India

BOMBAY, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A further 6,700 Italian prisoners of war have been landed here in the last two days.

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## Mexico & America To Discuss Mutual Aid

### Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—The State Department announced to-day that Mexico had instructed her Military, Naval and Air Attaches at Washington to discuss "with experts designated by the United States Government", plans relating to the assistance which the two countries would render each other in the event of aggression against either of them.

"In the conversations which are now making progress at Washington for the purpose indicated,—the representatives will study the manner of carrying out the collaboration, observing always with the greatest regard the principle of the national sovereignty of the two States."

The announcement said that the conversations were undertaken under the hemispheric defence accord reached last July "on the occasion of the second consultative meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics."

It stated that Mexico and the United States "agreed to exchange their views in order to co-ordinate suitably the progress of their common defence."

## Report Denied

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A report circulated abroad to the effect that the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister has gone to Germany is denied in the "Willhelmstrasse", according to a statement issued by the German official news agency.

## White House Interview

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt at a Press conference to-day said that the crisis now faced by the Government was in some ways far more serious for the future of the country than that eight years ago.

The President was beginning an unprecedented ninth year at the White House, the inauguration day being March 4 eight years ago.

The President added that the crisis now was of a different kind—being international instead of domestic.

## Plebiscite Result

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is announced that the final result of the Rumanian plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy (says a German wireless message) was as follows:

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## 15,000 Japanese Troops Concentrated at Tonkin

### Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—Authoritative Chinese circles told the "United Press" to-day that 15,000 crack Japanese troops with modern mountain climbing and a large amount of military supplies, including mountain guns, shells, aviation gasoline and bombs are concentrated at Tonkin, with exact target of attack as yet not clear.

Observers pointed out that the possible movements of the mountain climbing units must firstly be northward toward Burma over the ancient paths connecting the French Tonkin district with the southern Shan States; secondly, "to advance westward along the Red River and the Black River valleys towards Yunnan, both measures aimed at cutting communications."

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## RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

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Wilhelmstrasse official stated to-day that the "dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria was occasioned by evidence in Germany's possession of British plans in south-east Europe."

He added: "German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task the troops must be suitably equipped, but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."

**Final Issue Unchanged**

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—"The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara wireless stated to-night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly. It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded even in Axis circles as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

**Yon Pappen Mission**

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Pappen, the German Ambassador, was to-day received by President Inceci of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, States the Ankara wireless.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Pappen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for 'this act of courtesy.'"

"M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's castle at Chankaya, near Ankara."

## French Expected To Sign Peace To-day

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settlement of the dispute. However, the Government might be agreeable to an extension for putting the finishing touches to the agreement after an accord has been reached.

**To-day or To-morrow**

According to a Saigon message, a high Japanese official told the "United Press":

"I am sure the French delegates at Tokyo will sign peace on Wednesday or Thursday. Vichy has already accepted in principle to the Thai-Japanese demands. Indo-China will lose some land but not as much as that originally demanded."

He admitted that Japan issued an ultimatum to the French, but said that she did not threaten war in the event of the ultimatum not being accepted.

He complained that French soldiers and detectives in Saigon during the last few days had terrorized and insulted Japanese, several of whom were suffering black eyes, bruises and broken teeth.

He declared: "I cannot understand why the French dislike the Japanese."

He also revealed that Japan is continuing to ship large amounts of munitions and arms to Thailand in view of the fact that Thailand has no factories.

**Still Seeking Solution**

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuo is reported to have asked the Vichy Government to give a final reply by to-morrow noon to Japan's plan for the solution of the Thai-Indo-China dispute.

The truce in the frontier war between Thai and Indo-China ends on Friday.

Mr. Matsuo's request, it is stated, was made when he saw M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador to-night. M. Henri is stated to have been noncommittal in his attitude towards the plan which was previously reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.

**Wide Divergence**

Tokyo, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The fate of the Indo-China talks hangs on the final French reply expected to-day.

The press states that yesterday evening's talk between M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador, and Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, revealed a wide gap between the French and Japanese viewpoints.

The "Asahi" emphasizes that France's failure to accept without reservations would bring the danger of hostilities flaring up again between Thailand and Indo-China as the authorities hold that another extension of the Armistice is impossible without understanding.

The nationalist "Kokumin" lashes out at French "business," alleging that M. Arsene Henri again submitted an intermediate counter-proposal which had been already rejected as unfair to Thailand.

## Eire Wants Arms

DUBLIN, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Frank Aiken, the Eire Minister for Co-operation of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-morrow by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

## Parcels To Britain

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that any parcel despatched to Britain containing more than two pounds of tea, will be confiscated.

## LATE NEWS

### World Cruise To Start Soon

The Hongkong-built 57 ft brigantine "Nuestra Senora de la Paz" (Our Lady of Peace), is expected to leave the Colony for Manila on her maiden voyage, her Mexican owner, Sr Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila told a "Telegraph" reporter to-day.

The two men, who will take the beautiful brigantine round the world, Colonel J. Calvo, Philippine Army Reserve, and Sr Anniz, a reserve officer of the Air Force in the Philippines, are now in the Colony awaiting the completion of the vessel.

They are the two intrepid seamen who flew a small plane from Manila to Madrid via Hongkong, just before the start of the Spanish civil war.

The brigantine has been built by Tam Tsz's shipyard under the supervision of Mr E. S. Moses.

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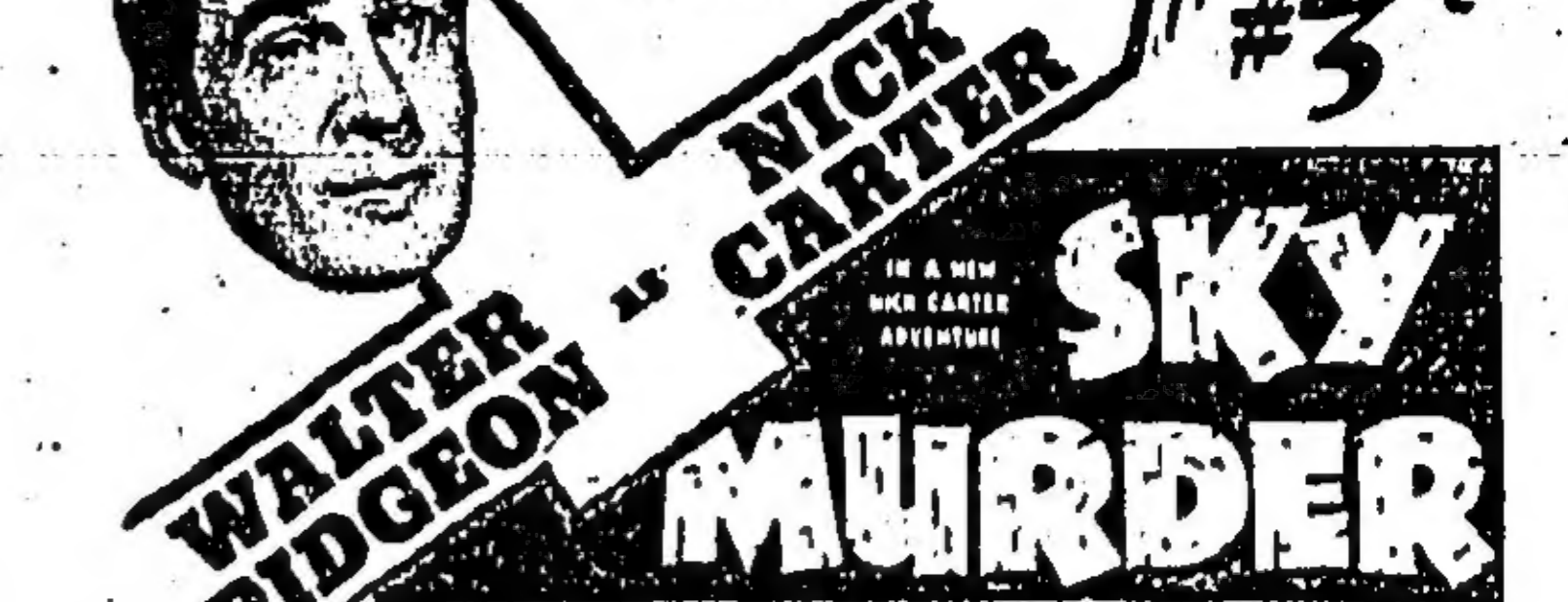
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